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that upon finding this memorandum, the House Un-American Activities Committee has retracted any statement to the effect that ELLIFF was uncooperative and refused RUSSELL a review of the file and admitted to the Department that their investigator, RUSSELL, had never asked ELLIFF at any time about COPLON.

ELLIFF explained that that is how his name happened to be on the same list with that of JUDITH COPLON, and he was sure that members of the Department of Justice, who had been there for years and who are in high positions, will agree that that is how his name actually appeared in the file.

The only thing ELLIFF knows about MAMSCHER is that he believes that at this time he is a professor or an instructor at Wayne University.

ELLIFF later explained on March 11, 1949, upon making a visit to the writer's home, as to ELLIFF'S idea as to why MAMSCHER might have picked out the four names he did in the Foreign Agents' Registration Section to include on the list of so-called Communists. The following are ELLIFF'S reasons for the names appearing on MAMSCHER'S list:

ELLIFF'S name appeared because MAMSCHER felt he was the man responsible for his release from the Department.

BOOKSTAVEN'S name was there because he was ELLIFF'S acting assistant in charge of the office when ELLIFF wasn't there and MAMSCHER felt that he was equally responsible for his dismissal.

NEMSER'S name appeared on the list because NEMSER was the only high priced analyst in the same classification as MAMSCHER who was maintained at the time of the cut in personnel.

COPLON'S name appeared because when MAMSCHER argued with ELLIFF and McINERNEY concerning his release, he complained bitterly that the Department was keeping "young inexperienced kids and letting experts go."

The only two analysts left after the budgetary cut in the same classification as JUDITH COPLON was herself and one BERNARD MORRIS. ELLIFF believed MAMSCHER picked on COPLON rather than MORRIS probably because in the first place she was a girl and was not considered by MAMSCHER to be as intelligent, and in the second place COPLON was single with no financial responsibility while MORRIS was married and had a family. For all ELLIFF knew MAMSCHER and MORRIS may have been friendly also.

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Again at the time of this interview, ELLIFF was asked whether he had been able to recall any information which might be of assistance concerning JUDITH COPLON'S activities, and he said that even after he had been personally injected into the case and had done a lot of mental research, he was still unable to recall anything which would give him the slightest idea that she was doing anything wrong while in his employ and that she had been at that time a poor security risk. No information of that nature was recalled by him.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

at Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

407 U. S. Court House
Seattle 4, Washington

March 11, 1949

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: JUDITH COPLON; (SOVME)
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Seattle letter to the Bureau, a carbon copy of which was sent to Washington Field, dated February 10, 1949.

It has subsequently been ascertained that CLICK C. RELANDER, mentioned in the referenced letter, is employed by the REPUBLIC PUBLISHING CO., Yakima, Washington, where he formerly held the position of City Editor.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

The enclosed photograph, which is an aerial view of Yakima, Washington, appeared in the Yakima Daily Republic on February 11, 1949, and was credited to CLICK RELANDER. This photograph, which purports to show the smoke pall over Yakima, suggests the possibility of RELANDER securing other aerial photographs which might be of value to a potential enemy.

No open inquiry has been made in connection with this matter, and none is contemplated unless instructions to the contrary are received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Wilcox
J. B. WILCOX
SAC

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Enclosure to Bureau.

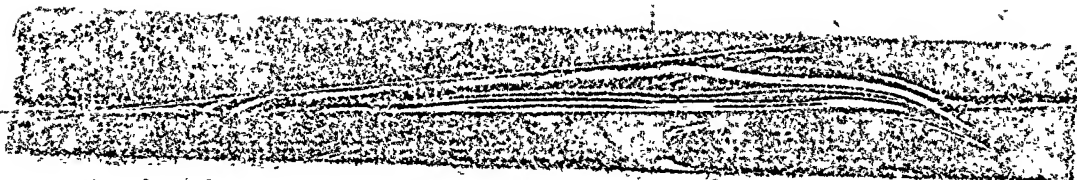
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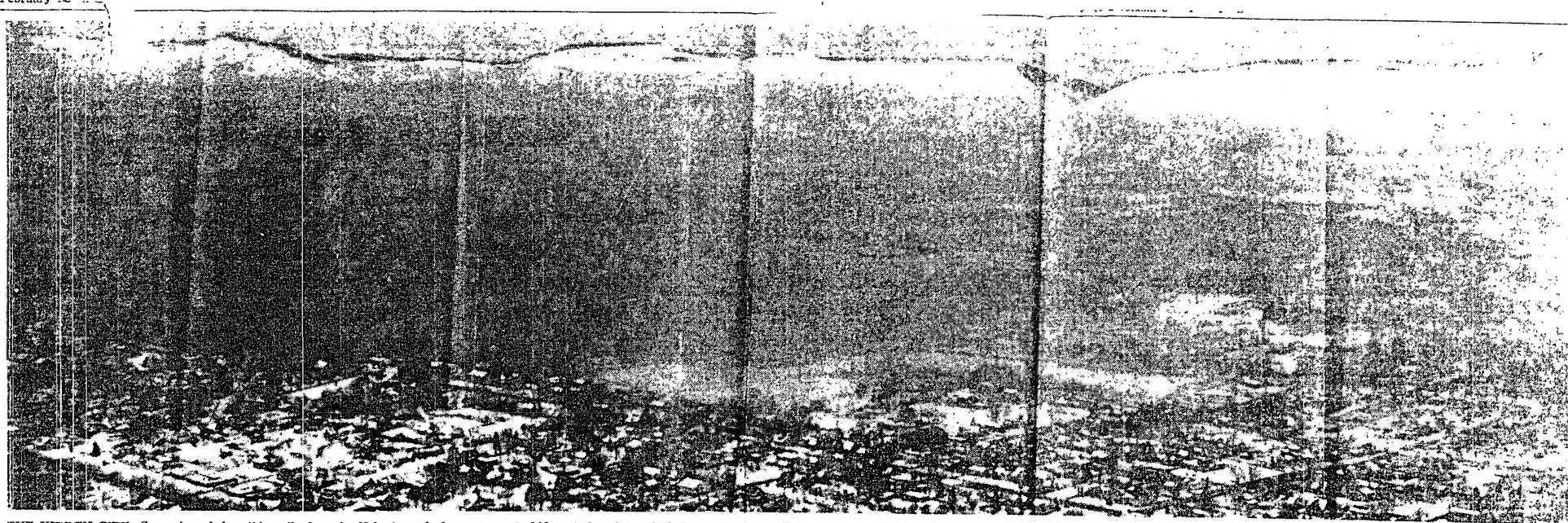
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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: JUDITH COPLON; (SOVME)
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Encl. newspaper clipping of aerial photograph
of Yakima Washington

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THE HIDDEN CITY—Somewhere below this pall of smoke Yakima residents were pouring on the coal with the impression the sun had gone away to hide out the winter. This Republic airphoto by Click Relander looks across the city from West Yakima avenue to Union Gap. It proves the sun was shining somewhere—and that "somewhere" was just beyond the edges of the smoke-shrouded city. The smoke belt varies in density from thick and black over the business district to thin and yellow-gray over west side homes.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R., SOVME. ROBERT MARTIN WOLFORTH, ANTI TRUST
DIVISION, DJ, NY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT THIS OFFICE. WOLFORTH
ADVISED THAT COPLON AND SEVERAL OTHER YOUNG WOMEN COLLEGE GRADUATES
APPLIED TO THE ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION OF THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE FOR
RESEARCH POSITIONS IN FORTYTHREE. THESE APPLICATIONS WERE THE
RESULTS OF CONTACTS BY WOLFORTH WITH COLLEGE PLACEMENT BUREAUS.
COPLON AND THREE OR FOUR OTHERS CAME FROM BARNARD COLLEGE AND WERE
ALL EMPLOYED AS RESEARCH WRITERS WRITING ECONOMIC REPORTS. COPLON
WAS DILIGENT, HARD WORKER, AND GENERALLY WELL REGARDED. AT THE TIME
THE WORK OF THAT DEPT. SLOWED DOWN IN EARLY FORTYFIVE, A DJ OFFICIAL
SIMS CARTER CAME TO NY AND CONFERRED WITH WOMEN EMPLOYEES RE WORK FOR
THE DJ IN WASHINGTON. WOLFORTH BELIEVES ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT SURE,
THAT HE WROTE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR COPLON, AND THAT SHE WAS
ULTIMATELY TRANSFERRED TO THE FEAR SECTION IN WASHINGTON, BUT DOES
NOT KNOW THAT SHE SOUGHT A POSITION SPECIFICALLY IN THAT SECTION.

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HE BELIEVES HE HAS SEEN COPLON ONLY ONCE SINCE SHE LEFT NY. ON THAT OCCASION, SHE VISITED THE NY OFFICE OF THE ANTI TRUST DIVISION. AT THAT TIME, SHE CONFERRED WITH WOLFORTH SOCIALLY FOR NO MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES. WOLFORTH ADVISED HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY PRO-COMMUNIST OR PRO-RUSSIAN SYMPATHIES OF COPLON OR ANY CO-WORKER AT TIME WHE WAS EMPLOYED UNDER HIM, NOR HAS HE SINCE HEARD OF ANY SUCH SENTIMENTS, BUT HE ADDED THAT AS SUPERVISOR, HE WOULD PROBABLY BE LAST TO HEAR OF ANY SUCH SENTIMENTS. HE REGARDED COPLON AS BEING RATHER EMOTIONALLY TENSE, INDICATING TO HIM THERE WAS SOME EMOTIONAL CONFLICT OR PROBLEMS BOTHERING HER. WOLFORTH DID NOT KNOW THAT COPLON ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THE MEN EMPLOYEES IN HIS OFFICE, BUT DID RECALL THAT THE MEN IN THE OFFICE GENERALLY AVOIDED COPLON BECAUSE OF HER TENSENESS. WOLFORTH RECALLS COPLON GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE OTHER YOUNG WOMEN EMPLOYED AS RESEARCH WORKERS, THAT HE HAS SUPPLIED THE NAMES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN FURNISHED THE BUREAU. WOLFORTH STATES SINCE THE DISCLOSURE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST COPLON, ALL OF HER ACQUAINTANCES IN THE NY OFFICE HAVE EXPRESSED COMPLETE SURPRISE. MOREOVER, ON THIS DATE, HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM HELEN

~~SIEGAL~~, FORMER CO-WORKER OF COPLON, WHO TOLD WOLFORTH THAT SHE COULD

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cc: Mr. Fletcher
Mr. Lamphere

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NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CHARGES AGAINST COPLON WERE TRUE, AS SHE HAD COME TO KNOW COPLON AND HER FAMILY QUITE WELL, AND USUALLY SAW COPLON ON THE LATTER-S NY VISITS. WOLFORTH STATED HE WAS DESIROUS OF HELPING THIS OFFICE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF COPLON, BUT COULD RECALL NOTHING FURTHER REGARDING HER AND KNEW NOTHING FURTHER OF ASSISTANCE. LETTER SETTING OUT DETAILS OF INTERVIEW FOLLOWS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

Jm *Hottel* FROM : Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 21, 1949

There is attached a list of savings bonds issued in the name of JUDITH COPLON for the period January of 1942 to the present which were purchased at New York banks. This list was furnished by the United States Treasury Department.

It is requested that the New York Office check all bond applications in favor of the subject to determine if possible the individual who made the purchase and whether the bonds were purchased by cash or check. ~~REFERRED RECORDING~~ *an*

It is also requested that the New York Office at each New York bank determine whether or not the subject maintained a savings or a checking account there, and in the event that an account is located, a transcript of deposits and withdrawals be obtained. It should be determined if possible whether these deposits were by check or in cash and all available details concerning the deposits should be obtained. *L*

CC: New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: March 14, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - RALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department called at 4:45 PM and stated that it was planned that Judith Coplon would be indicted in the District of Columbia for attempted espionage and also charged with a violation relating to the removal of Government records. He stated that her conviction in the District of Columbia was a positive certainty and she had no possible defense to the charge of the removal of records. He will advise the date that this matter will be presented to the Grand Jury in the District of Columbia.

He further stated that Gubitchev, this afternoon, had indicated that he would not accept legal counsel. He is standing on the ground that he has been arrested illegally claiming diplomatic immunity. He will be arraigned tomorrow morning and it is anticipated that a plea of not guilty will be entered for him.

The State Department is very much concerned fearing recriminations affecting official United States personnel in the Soviet Union. Mr. Whearty stated that if Coplon would be cooperative they could overcome this view of the State Department. He indicated that the case against Gubitchev was weak and it might be necessary to recognize his status and release him for return to the Soviet Union. I inquired whether or not it would be proper to approach Coplon, pointing out to her that unless she cooperates, Gubitchev will return to the Soviet Union and she will be the only one going to the penitentiary. Mr. Whearty stated that her Attorney, Adams, is probably a Communist. He doubts whether Coplon can be approached without going through her attorney and he doubted the wisdom of that.

Bert Coplon, brother of Judith Coplon has indicated that he will cooperate with the Bureau and stated that he would attempt to secure the cooperation of his sister. Bert Coplon has not been in touch with the New York Office since Judith's release on bail.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the apparent attitude of the State Department, it is recommended that the New York Office be instructed to immediately contact Bert Coplon to determine whether Judith Coplon is going to cooperate with the Government.

It is further recommended that in the event he indicates she has not made up her mind or is not going to cooperate, that it be pointed out to him discreetly that it may end up that she is the only one who will go to the penitentiary; that Gubitchev will return to the Soviet Union without being punished and therefore he should urge his sister Judith to cooperate now.

ADDENDUM:

Subsequent to the dictation of the above, I received from the office of

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Mr. Alexander M. Campbell a copy of a letter dated March 11, 1949, from the State Department to the Attorney General which is attached. In this letter it states that Gubitchev enjoys no immunity from arrest with regard to the acts charged. However, the State Department recommends that he be deported rather than tried and sentenced based upon the conclusion that the interests of the United States will be better served, because if the United States refuses to send him back to Russia the Soviet government will create the opportunity to charge with crime one or more members of the United States Embassy in Moscow.

The ABC should be no
part to any such deal
as suggested by State Dept.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: March 14, 1949

FROM : Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General AMC:WEF:am

SUBJECT: Judith Coplon and Valentine Gubitchev;
Espionage.

Forwarded for your information are copies of a letter from the Secretary of State to the Attorney General, dated March 11, 1949, regarding the above entitled matter.

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Department of Justice

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 17, 1949

Mr. Tolson _____
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Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the WFO called at 5:50 P.M. today and advised that during the several contacts had by Agents of the WFO with the management at McLean Gardens, who have been very cooperative, in response to specific questions no information was ever developed indicating that Coplon had a locker while a tenant at this location. This afternoon a representative of McLean Gardens called the WFO and advised that a letter had been received from Coplon today saying that someone would be in Washington to remove her property from her apartment and locker prior to April 1, up to which time her rent is paid. Coplon requested that the person calling be given access to her room and locker.

The management of McLean Gardens pointed out that they have no knowledge as to which one of 24 lockers belongs to Coplon. They explained that the lockers are in banks of 24 and that each has an individual lock, the key to which is retained by the tenant. Furthermore, Mr. Delavigne pointed out that these lockers are right in the middle of the dormitory and can be readily seen by the occupants. Mr. Delavigne wanted to know what, if any, action should be taken in connection with examining the locker in the light of these circumstances.

Inasmuch as Mr. Whearty has indicated that Coplon's brother probably will be the individual who will remove her effects from the apartment, it might be possible to arrange to examine the locker at the time he comes to Washington for this, among other reasons, since he reportedly has been cooperative. On the other hand, it is observed that if Coplon sends some other representative to the apartment, it is entirely possible that this person will not contact Mr. Whearty and, hence, the Bureau will have no knowledge that the effects are being removed, particularly from the locker.

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I called ASAC Belmont of New York at 9:25 A.M. and pointed out that we had received information indicating that Coplon had a locker in connection with her residence at McLean Gardens. I told Mr. Belmont that this was a new development and that, of course, we had not had an opportunity to check the contents of the locker. I explained the difficulty confronting us in connection with such a check such as the fact it was one of 24, the key was in the possession of the individual tenant, and that the lockers were so located that a check of them by the Bureau would cause considerable commotion. I asked Mr. Belmont in view of the reported cooperativeness of

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Coplon's brother, Bertram, if it might be determined from him discreetly what locker Coplon had at McLean Gardens and also whether it would be possible to obtain the key to this locker. Mr. Belmont stated that he would contact Coplon for this purpose and advise the Bureau in the event he were successful.

While talking with Mr. Whearty of the Department in connection with another matter today, I referred to our conversation of yesterday concerning this matter and asked if he would be sure to notify the Bureau in the event he were contacted by anyone representing Coplon for the purpose of obtaining access to her apartment. Mr. Whearty stated that this would be done by all means.

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WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND NEW HAVEN FROM WASH FIELD

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE NY TELE MARCH TWENTY THREE LAST. RECORDS
PASSPORT DIVISION, STATE DEPARTMENT, REFLECT ONE PHILIP PAVIA BORN MARCH SIX
NINETEEN ELEVEN, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., ISSUED PASSPORT NO. ONE THREE TWO SIX FIVE FOUR
ON DECEMBER TWO, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN FOR TRAVEL TO FRANCE AND ITALY. OCCUPATION,
SCULPTOR. ADDRESS, ONE FIVE SEVEN SIX PARK AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN. PASSPORT
ADDRESS ORIGINALLY APPEARED; IDENTIAL NUMBER, PARK AVE., NEW YORK, N.Y. HOWEVER,
N.Y., N.Y. IS BLOCKED OUT AND BRIDGEPORT, CONN. SUBSTITUTED. PASSPORT FILES
LIST FATHER AS LOUIS PAVIA, BORN ITALY EIGHTEEN SIXTY FOUR, MOTHER, CONCETTIA
GALLUCCI, BORN ITALY EIGHTEEN SIXTY SEVEN, BOTH RESIDING IN U.S. SINCE NINETEEN
ONE, NEITHER U.S. CITIZENS. PAVIA'S INTENDED DATE OF LEAVING U.S. INDICATED AS
JANUARY, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, MEANS OF TRAVEL NOT GIVEN, DURATION OF TRIP,
SIX MONTHS, PURPOSE TO STUDY SCULPTURE. PAVIA PREVIOUSLY ISSUED PASSPORT
NO. ONE FIVE FIVE NAUGHT NINE NAUGHT ON NOVEMBER TWENTY, THIRTY FOUR, TO FRANCE
AND ITALY FOR PURPOSE OF STUDY, INTENDED DURATION OF VISIT ONE YEAR. THIS
APPLICATION SET OUT FATHER AS LUIGI PAVIA, BORN FAETO, ITALY, MOTHER SAME AS
ABOVE. RESIDENCE GIVEN AS TWO THREE NAUGHT LEXINGTON AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.,
MAILING ADDRESS CARE ELIZABETH W. LEWIS, GOODVIEW ROAD, HEMPSTEAD, L. I. IDENTITY
WITNESS, JOSE BENEDETTO, SIX ONE FRANK STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CONN. ACQUAINTANCE OF
TWENTY YEARS. PASSPORT APPLICATION INDICATED PAVIA HAD RESIDED OUTSIDE U.S.
SIX MONTHS DURING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR IN GREECE, FRANCE, ITALY AND EGYPT. CSC,
WPA, FSA RECORDS WASHINGTON, D. C. CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NAME PHILIP

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~~G. X~~PAVIA, FIVE THREE WEST EIGHTH ST., NYC, CONTAINED IN COPLON'S ADDRESS BOOK.
NEW HAVEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH AVAILABLE BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING PHILIP
PAVIA TO BUREAU, N.Y. AND WFO. ATTENTION NEW HAVEN, THE NAME OF PAVIA AND
COMPANY, EXPORTS, FIFTY FIVE WEST FORTY SECOND STREET, NYC, WAS A TELEPHONIC
CONTACT OF ~~JOSEPH X~~KATZ IN NINETEEN FORTY FOUR.

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JUDITH COPLON, ETAL, ESP-R. RE PAGE SEVENTYSIX OF REPT OF SA T. SCOTT MILLER, MARCH EIGHT FORTYNINE AT NY, WHICH CONTAINS INFO REGARDING COPLON-S TRIP ABROAD IN FORTYEIGHT. RECORDS TWA, NYC, REFLECT COPLON LEFT NY ON FLIGHT NINE SEVEN TWO ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN FORTYEIGHT FOR PARIS. NO RETURN BOOKING. RESERVATION BOOKED AND TICKET ISSUED BY TWA, WASHINGTON. RECORDS OF BLUE CARS CONTINENTAL, LTD, NYC, REFLECT THAT THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MOTOR CLUB, PENNSYLVANIA AVE AND SEVENTEENTH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, CONTACTED BLUE CARS ON APRIL SEVENTEEN FORTY EIGHT RE A FOURTEEN DAY TOUR FOR COPLON BEGINNING JUNE EIGHT FROM PARIS TO ITALY AND SWITZERLAND. TOTAL COST TWO HUNDRED FORTYSIX DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS. ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS DEPOSITED BY CHECK MADE BY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MOTOR CLUB TO BLUE CARS ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE. BLUE CARS MADE ONE NIGHT RESERVATION AT HOTEL LUTTEIA, PARIS, FOR COPLON ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT. SHE ADVISED DC MOTOR CLUB THAT SHE WOULD RESIDE IN PARIS WITH ONE BEATRICE BRANDY /PH/ PROBABLY BEATRICE BRAUDE, KNOWN TO BUREAU AND WFO AS A CONTACT OF MRS. WILKINSON, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE

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TWA FOR AVAILABLE INFO RE COPLON-S TRIP.

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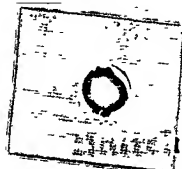
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, N. Y.
March 25, 1949

Mr. Tolson.....	✓
Mr. Clegg.....	✓
Mr. Glavin.....	✓
Mr. Ladd.....	✓
Mr. Nichols.....	✓
Mr. Rosen.....	✓
Mr. Tracy.....	✓
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Mr. Nease.....	✓
Miss Gandy.....	✓

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Director, FBI

Attn.: Assistant Director L. B. Nichols

RE: JUDITH COPLON
Espionage R.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telephone conversation with Assistant Director L. B. Nichols today, regarding letter of March 22, 1949 from the Philadelphia office to the Bureau and attached memorandum of SA J. Philip Kochendorfer describing portions of a broadcast he had heard on March 19th in which reference was made to Judith Coplon, and on which LLOYD NOLAN appeared and was interviewed.

In accordance with my conversation with Mr. Nichols, a transcript has been made of pertinent portions of this broadcast, two copies of which are forwarded to the Bureau herewith.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

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Announcer: WOR presents the first of a series of programs starring America's Singing Sweetheart, MONICA LEWIS (PH.), and the man behind the daily column of the New York World Telegram, FRANK FARRELL (PH.), with some anecdotes, some stories about your favorite celebrities, some of MONICA'S recordings and a feature story from the inside pocket of FRANK FARRELL (PH.) and their special guest LLOYD NOLAN (PH.) Music.

M: Hello, this is MONICA LEWIS (PH.)
F: and this is FRANK FARRELL (PH.) looking at MONICA LEWIS (PH.) and looking at that four-inch coat of tan.

M: Don't you think I look healthy?
F: You certainly do. What have you been doing?

M: Well, I had the most wonderful time of my life in Florida. I was on vacation and of course I had to come back to this horrible snow.
F: Yes, you hit it just in time, Spring Monday and snow today.

M: Wasn't it awful?
F: MONICA, what did you do outside of coat of tan?

M: Well of course I did spend most of my time on the beach but the high spot of the whole trip was the showing of an eighteen-year old HARRY RICHMOND (PH.) Picture.
F: Oh, I think I know what one you mean.

M: You do?
F: What was the title of it?

M: It's called "Putting on the Ritz".
F: Yeah.

M: Natch.
F: Yeah, uh..that's HARRY. (PH.)

M: Well HARRY (PH.) showed it at a little theatre and he had invited about fifty people, JOE E. LEWIS (PH.) was there, TONY MARTIN (PH.) and his lovely bride, F - - - (PH.), LOUIS SOBEL (PH.) and MILTON BERLE'S Mama.

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F: Uh huh.. Where was that? Was it in the theatre?..

M: Yes.

F: ..or in his home down there?

M: No it was in a regular theatre and, of course, it was very corny and the make-up was horrible but everyone had a great time - cry, everybody cried.

F: Well it must be a unique recollection piece. It was fun I bet..

M: What did you do while I was gone?

F: Well I've been observing people coming back from Florida. I've been down there a couple of times myself but not for long enough. WINCHELL (PH.) got back last night and I spent the evening listening what was going on in Florida.

M: What did he tell you about..something about a horse?

F: Well, yeah. We talked about a horse and we talked about a lot of horses. In the first place I think the most exciting news is that JOHN NORTH (PH.) has offered him the opening night at the circus for the Cancer Research Fund.

M: Oh, terrific.

F: Everything that happened, peanuts, hot dogs, beer and everything that happens at the circus is going to Cancer Research on opening night, which I think is a wonderful gesture.

M: It certainly is and a worthy cause.

F: And about that horse.

M: Yeah, I heard about that horse..

(Story about the horse)

(Story about parachutes)

(Then songs by MONICA LEWIS)

F: Whose beautiful Irish tenor was that, MONICA?

M: Oh, FRANK, that was LANNY ROSS.

F: Oh, I thought that was familiar. Incidentally, I am going on a television show with him next week.

M: Oh, really?

F: Uh-huh.

M: Well, girls, let me tell you. You should watch this show on Tuesday because FRANK is really, really handsome, and besides that, FRANK FARRELL is the man behind that daily column in the "World Telegram". Since we have FRANK by the ears, let's find out what is happening. FRANK, in your estimation, what is the story of the week?

F: Well, almost everybody would think the one in today's paper is, you know, the one about the Atlantic Pact.

M: Uh-huh.

F: But that is a story everybody can see through. You know, it is on page one, full of facts, and all the analysts have been talking about it and what it means, but, in my estimation, that is overt. That we can clearly see through. The story that fascinates me is the one about JUDITH COPLON.

M: That fascinates me too.

F: Well, Judith, as you know, is that little 27-year old girl, rather beautiful, former employee of the Department of Justice who is now under arrest, under suspicion of conspiracy to commit espionage. You know about the story, don't you?

M: Yes, I certainly do.

F: Well, she was released on twenty thousand bail and then re-arrested on some other charges that haven't come out yet, and the trial will probably start next week.

M: It's hard to understand a girl doing that, you know.

F: Well, you can't tell the motive at this point. You can speculate on a great many things, but we don't even know the facts on the case, MONICA. Newspapermen have been speculating a great deal about it, but from my experience in Secret Service at the end of the war, this is terribly serious for this particular reason and I think our guest today will have something to say about that too

because "The House on 92nd Street" was one of his pictures and had all to do with the FBI. Now, you know, anyone who has a position in the FBI who has some degree of security and confidence of the organization has access to files. Now, the terrible thing about somebody who has access to files who misuses those files is as follows. In the first place, the lives of every agent in the FBI are jeopardized and left wide open to attack from foreign agents who are informed who are the FBI men.

M: It's a terrible responsibility.

F: Well, it's a terrible tragedy if there are leaks in the Department of Justice because, suppose I am a Department of Justice man and I am traveling under an assumed name in a strange city all by myself, and I am supposed to join a subversive organization, and they have been tipped off that I am an FBI man, you know what happens to me. . .

M: You are dead!

F: I just disappear from the face of the earth.

M: That's right.

F: Now, at the same time, suppose I am a Communist agent, or suppose I am any foreign agent, I would presume a foreign power or enemy, and I am working to get atomic secrets, and I find out through a tip from the inner offices of the FBI that Agents are after me, I clear the country before I can be arrested or I burn the evidence before they can grab it. Now, this is not the worst part of this whole thing. When you think of our Agents, our men in foreign countries, all their lives have been jeopardized, for who knows how long, and all our projected plans in these countries, so far as intelligence is concerned, have been, are now, and will be continued to be known to the enemy as long as there are leaks.

M: Um, scares me, the whole thing.

F: Scares me.

M: (Laughter) I think it is admirable work if you know how, but I want to stick to singing and talking, it's much easier.

F: Well, we are talking about motives, MONICA, and it looks like love had something to do with this.

M: Oh?

F: As you know, there was a Russian man arrested with her. His name is VALENTINE GUBITCHEV.

M: Oh, there is a gentleman, is there?

F: Yes, there is always a man in the case. Have you got any songs about gentlemen?

M: Well, it looks to me like "The Gentleman Is a Dope".

F: Let's have it.

M: Alrighty.

(Play: "The Gentleman Is a Dope")

M: FRANK!! (Ph.)

F: Huh?

M: Here comes the FBI.

F: What a relief!

M: (Laughs)

F: This is one cop that I've been waiting for. LLOYD (Ph.), its wonderful to see you, Mr. NOLAN (Ph.) I can only tell you that I've been sweating out this visit right to the time that you just opened the door since six o'clock this morning.

LN: Well, you know I really hate to break into this. I've been sitting back here fascinated. I've learned more about what's been going on in New York and the FBI and so forth, but anyhow, if I don't sew up your program, I'd love to join it.

F: People are certainly going to find out a few more things about what's going on when we talk to you. In the first place, you just stepped off the train didn't you?

LN: Yes indeed, I'm still bouncing.

M: Did you come from California, LLOYD?

LN: Uh huh, all the way.

M: Yeah --- (Ind.)

F: MONICA, I talked to him at quarter of eleven this morning and he said, "What time is it? Have I time for a shave and some breakfast?" and I said yes and he said "All right, I'll be with you shortly." You'd think he had his suit pressed.

M: Well I think he looks positively divine. I really do.

F: LLOYD, what's the nature of your business this time?

LN: Well, I came here to be present at the premiere of the opening of "Bad Boy". Its a picture we made in conjunction with the Variety Club.

F: That's that one that's opening Tuesday at the Palace?

LN: That's Tuesday at the Palace, yes. I just was handed the line-up of the personalities who are going to be on it and its really amazed me starting with MILTON BERLE (Ph.), and BAKER (Ph.), PHIL BAKER (Ph.) and so forth and so on. I can't remember their names now.

F: I'll bet its a star-studded list.

M: What did the Variety Club have to do with the picture LLOYD?

LN: Well you see, about once a year they make a picture and I think a goodly percentage of the picture goes to the Variety Clubs. Are you familiar, MONICA, with the...

M: Well, I am familiar with the Variety Clubs but I don't think the average person is. Would you explain a little bit about it?

LN: Well, its an organization of show people. Very, very few, if any, actors belong to it. Its show producers. They can be participating in promoting fights or they can own a circus, mainly its theater owners, theater managers and its their favorite charity. It started, I think, about fourteen - fifteen years ago. I may be wrong.

M: They do a great deal for children I know. They have children's camps..

LN: Mainly, mainly for children.

F: Its going to be a tremendous thing. What time in the evening will it start?

LN: Well, I believe, I'm not sure, I've just had this all thrown at me you know.

F: Yes, I imagine.

M: Yes, and so early in the morning.

F: He's mighty fresh!

LN: At eight o'clock I believe it starts and how, when it ends I do not know because the list of celebrities--if they just walked them on and walked them off, it would still go to 1:30, I think. But, incidentally, MONICA..

M: Uh huh

LN: I happened to, uh, this is very funny but one of the things you played here, the records you played "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms"..

M: Yes

LN: That happens to be the only song I ever sang in movies.

M: Did you sing it really?

LN: It was very funny. It was in a picture quite a while ago I made at Columbia called "One Way Ticket".

M: Uh huh

LN: And in it I was supposed to be a convict with a good voice and uh..being a little bit younger at that time...

M: Uh huh, well lets hear you sing a little bit now.

LN: Well, I told them I had sung. I didn't say any too well.

M: Uh huh.

LN: So they took, not wanting to spend too much money having the song orchestrated, they took one out of public domain..

M: Uh huh

LN: But they didn't know that "Believe me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" takes a LANNY ROSS (Ph.) to sing.

M: Oh, I'd love to hear it.

F: Yeah, that's... (Laughs)

LN: So I got by with it all right let's say, and then we went to the preview and of course, my wife was even more nervous than I was and when I started to sing she let out a laugh. I think I broke five bones in her hand making her shut up.

M: Well, how did it sound? Was it good?

LN: It was all right, I mean..

F: You know MONICA, that doesn't surprise me a bit because I've been following LLOYD'S career for years ever since he, I think, first broke into public print as an actor, I think, it was in 1927 with the Pasadena Players.

LN: Uh huh

F: And, as you know, he was a star athlete at Sanford, wasn't it?

LN: Well yes, Stanford.

F: Uh huh

LN: Not a star, I didn't say that.

M: You're modest, you really are.

F: On top of that MONICA, he enjoys the reputation in Hollywood of being the most dependable, the most versatile, all-round actor they have and I'm proud to have him here this morning for a number of reasons. LLOYD, out in China I was involved in a big spy case in which twenty-one Germans had continued hostilities against us after the German surrender up until the Japanese surrender.

LN: Uh huh

F: We convinced the American Military Commission that these people did what they actually did by showing them a picture you made and I think its one of your best--"The House On 92nd Street".

LN: Is that so?

F: Well, we got very heavy sentences, mostly on the basis of the confirmation of all that they were doing by showing the picture.

LN: Is that right? Did you tell HOOVER (Ph.) that?

F&M: (Both laugh)

M: You know, Mr. NOLAN, I have always wanted to be in moving pictures and one of the things I always wanted to do was to play one of those real tough gun molls, you know. The name of the picture we should do, you and me, we should do, "All right, Louie, Drop the Gun."

LN: Now, MONICA, MONICA, it ain't a gun, that's a gat.

M: "All right, Baby, Drop that Gat and Git".

F: MONICA, speaking of "The House on 92nd Street", there is a song I like, and I think you have done a recording of it. It has something to do with a house.

M: Oh, that is "The House I Live In".

LN: Oh, I know that. That is a favorite.

M: Do you like that?

F: Let's have it.

(Play: "The House I Live In")

M: Well, LLOYD, you are the nicest cop I know, and it was a pleasure to have you here today.

LN: Thank you, MONICA.

F: I would say one of the handsomest too, but . . .

M: But, definitely.

F: LLOYD, thanks so much for being here, and thanks for that "House on 92nd Street". I ought to give you half of my medals because it helped me win them.

(Laughter)

LN: Thank you, both of you. It's the warmest kind of welcome I could have to New York.

F: So long.

LN: So long.

(Music)

F: This winds up another edition until next Saturday noon.

M: That's right, and until then folks, this is MONICA LEWIS saying "Good Afternoon".

F: And this is FRANK FARRELL.

Announcer: You have been listening to the first of a new series of programs with MONICA LEWIS and FRANK FARRELL. Let's make it a date for next week for some more news, some more recordings, and RAY BOLGER. Next Saturday noon at 710 on your dial.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

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Re New York teletype dated March 31, 1949.

I discussed with Mr. Ray Whearty at 11:00 a.m. on April 4, 1949, the question of the investigation relating to the purchase of bonds and securities by Coplon. I pointed out that the purpose of the investigation was to trace her source of income. I furnished him advice as to the difficulty outlined in referenced teletype, and he stated that he did not desire a subpoena to be issued at this time, that he did not regard the matter of sufficient importance to the success of the case. He stated if necessary a subpoena could be issued on a very few minutes notice and the information secured.

At 3:20 p.m., during the course of another telephone call, I advised ASAC Belmont, New York, of Mr. Whearty's opinion.

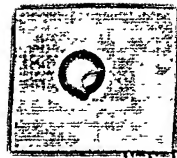
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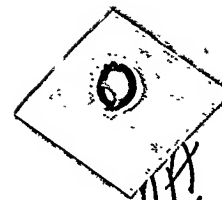
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APPLICATIONS COULD NOT BE LOCATED SAMUEL M. COPLON PURCHASED ONE AND
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WAS SELLING BONDS DURING A BOND DRIVE. SATTEN IS FORTYEIGHT YEARS
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REQUESTED TO CONTACT MR. WHEARTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE DESIRES SUBPONEA. ONLY ONE ACCOUNT LOCATED IN BANKS MENTIONED REFERENCED LETTER IN JUDITH COPLON-S NAME. THIS ACCOUNT WAS AT SEAMAN-S BANK FOR SAVINGS AND WAS CLOSED FEB. FOURTEEN, FORTYFIVE. BALANCE OF SIX HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTYTHREE CENTS WAS WITHDRAWN BY CHECK IN AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTY THREE CENTS AND PRESUMABLY SIXTY DOLLARS IN CASH. CHECK DEPOSITED LINCOLN NATIONAL BANK, WASHINGTON. REPORT ON ABOVE INVESTIGATION BEING SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY.

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Mr. Ray Whearty advised me today that Mr. Donegan had had a conference with Mr. Palmer, attorney for Judith Coplon, and also Palmer had talked to him, Whearty, over the phone. Palmer apparently is very much in favor of trying the indictment of Coplon pending in the District of Columbia prior to the trial of the indictment in New York. Mr. Whearty stated that the Department feels it is best to try the indictment in the District of Columbia because it is the best case and a conviction would materially assist in the prosecution of the case in New York.

Palmer also feels that his best chance to win the case is in the District of Columbia for reasons not apparent, because Palmer also said he had a much better chance of winning in New York. However, since he is favorable, the Department is most willing to go to trial in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Whearty stated that due to the death of Coplon's father early Wednesday, the trial would unquestionably be postponed from tomorrow, April 1, since the Jewish mourning period is one week and it was felt that the Judge in New York would postpone the trial date for at least a week under the circumstances. Mr. Whearty advised that the matter is not yet settled, but Mr. Palmer and Mr. Donegan would be conferring again today.

ASAC Belmont, New York, called in at 2:25 p.m. today and also stated that the trial date had not yet been decided upon. Yesterday Mr. Donegan had a conference with Palmer concerning the return of certain personal effects of Coplon, but no decision could be reached. There will be another conference on that matter in another day or so. Further, tomorrow, April 1, Palmer will request a ten-day postponement, pointing out that Coplon's father died and the Jewish mourning period is one week. He will, in addition, ask for more delay or postponement until April 25, at which time he wishes to have the case brought to trial in the District of Columbia. The Government's position tomorrow, April 1, will be that they are ready to go to trial. Mr. Donegan also feels that the Judge will take into account the fact that the subject, Gubitchev, is in jail and require the trial in New York to proceed within ten days.

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TO : MR. FLETCHER *WBF*
 FROM : L. WHITSON *LW*
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Pursuant to your request, Special Agent R. J. Lamphere delivered to Mr. Ray Whearty and Mr. John Kelley of the Department at 10:30 A. M. on April 1, 1949, the three maps of New York City which had been delivered to the Bureau by Special Agent Norton of the New York Office.

In addition, Mr. Whearty was furnished a copy of the surveillance logs of the Washington Field Office Agents for January 14, February 18 and March 4, 1949. He was also furnished a copy of the surveillance logs of the New York Office for the January 14 and February 18, 1949, meetings. He was also furnished one copy of the photographs made by the New York Agents of various points where Coplon and Gubitchev met in New York City.

RECOMMENDATION:

The above is for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. Ladd *DL*

DATE: April 1, 1949

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At 11:00 a.m. today, in the Court of Judge Rifkind, New York City, there was a discussion as to the date of the trial of the titled case. Attorney Palmer, representing Judith Coplon, was present. Subject Coplon was not present because of the recent death of her father. Gubitchev was present without an attorney. Mr. Donegan and AUSA Saypol represented the Government.

Mr. Palmer requested of the Court a postponement until April 26, 1949, giving as one reason the fact that at that time the status of the Government's case against Coplon pending in the District of Columbia would be known.

Gubitchev stated he was ready for trial and insisted on the trial beginning today. Mr. Donegan and Mr. Saypol stated the Government was ready. The Judge instructed the attorneys to return to the Court on April 14, 1949, and at that time he wanted accurate and complete data as to the status of the prosecution of the case against Coplon in the District of Columbia. Judge Rifkind did not state that the trial in New York would begin on April 14 and merely stated the attorneys should be present on that date.

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March 25, 1949.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I would appreciate your making available to me uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns filed by Judith Coplon for the years 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, and 1947. In the period from January, 1943, to February, 1945, Judith Coplon resided at her parents' home at 2506 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York; From February, 1945, until 1948, Judith Coplon resided at 2634 Tunlaw Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is possible that during this period she might have filed returns giving her parents' address of 170 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

This is an important investigation and I should like to request that this matter be given attention as soon as possible in view of the forthcoming trial of this person.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Tom C. C.

Attorney General.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW YORK

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JUDITH COPLON, WITH ALIASES, ESPIONAGE - R. ON THIS DATE MR. RAYMOND WHEARTY REQUESTED THAT THE CHARTS PREPARED BY YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THE SURVEILLANCES OF COPLON AND GUBITCHEV FOR JANUARY FOURTEEN, FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN AND MARCH FOUR LAST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU FOR TRANSMITTAL TO HIM. HE HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT CHARTS BE PREPARED OF A SUFFICIENT SIZE THAT THEY MAY BE USED AT THE TRIAL IN ORDER THAT EACH AGENT PARTICIPATING MAY INDICATE ON THE CHARTS FOR THE JURY'S BENEFIT THE PART HE PLAYED IN THE SURVEILLANCE. YOU SHOULD GIVE THESE MATTERS YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RE NEW YORK TELS MARCH FIFTEEN AND TWENTYTWO LAST.

MATTERS REQUESTED BY MR. DONEGAN ARE BEING CURRENTLY DETERMINED BY WFO AND BUREAU. WFO WILL SUBMIT REPORT INCORPORATING THE MATTERS REQUESTED, EXCEPT AS TO THE USE OF DATA SHEETS AND REPORTS WHICH WILL BE HANDLED AT THE BUREAU AND CONCERNING WHICH MR. WHEARTY WILL BE ADVISED AS TO THE DATA SHEETS AND REPORTS THAT CAN BE USED WITHOUT PREJUDICING INVESTIGATIONS, INFORMANTS AND TECHNIQUES. THIS, HOWEVER, SHOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON NEW YORK-S PREPARATION OF A SUMMARY REPORT WHICH SHOULD BE SET UP AS IF ALL THE MATERIAL FOUND IN COPLON-S POSSESSION WAS TO BE USED. THE MEMO RE AMTORG CONTAINING THE SEPARATE INFORMATION AND ATOMIC ENERGY MATERIAL WAS DATED MARCH THREE, FORTYNINE, AND WAS FROM DIRECTOR TO MR. PRITON FORD. THE MATERIAL IN MEMO RE ATOMIC ENERGY OBTAINED AE COMMISSION BY SA CHARLES W. BATES. YOUR SUMMARY REPORT SHOULD SET OUT THAT AN OFFICIAL OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION CAN TESTIFY THAT THE MATERIAL IN BUREAU-S MEMO WAS TAKEN FROM A DOCUMENT CLASSIFIED RESTRICTED BY AE COMMISSION. THE BUREAU-S MEMO RE AMTORG WAS PREPARED BY SA R. J. LAMPHIER. THIS MEMO WAS DELIVERED PERSONALLY BY INSPECTOR H. B. FLETCHER TO MR. FORD AT SIX PM ON MARCH THREE, FORTYNINE. WFO IS DETERMINING THE SUBSEQUENT COURSE OF THE MEMO UP TO THE TIME IT REACHED COPLON. DATE OF TRIAL STILL SET FOR APRIL FIRST, ACCORDING TO MR. WHEARTY. WFO SHOULD EXPEDITE REPORT ON MATTERS MENTIONED IN NEW YORK TELS.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. JUDGE, SIMON H. RIFKIND, SDNY, WHO CON-
DUCTED ARRAIGNMENT OF COPLON AND GUBITCHEV, RECEIVED A LETTER DATED
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[REDACTED] THIS LETTER IS
QUOTED AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE DEAR MR. RIFKIND. THIS IS IN REGARD TO
JUDITH COPLON, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ANALYST WHO WAS RELEASED
ON BAIL DUE TO HER COMMITTING ESPIONAGE AGAINST UNITED STATES FORM OF
GOVERNMENT. I, AS A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION
SECTION, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WORKED WITH MISS
COPLON AND SAW HER TAKE AND DESTROY CONFIDENTIAL AND SECRET DOCU-
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AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION HAD ALL LEANINGS TOWARD COMMUNISM AS
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CERTAIN DEROGATORY CHARACTER REPUTATION AS TO LOYALTY IN HOLDING A
FEDERAL JOB. ALL CONVERSATION IN THAT PARTICULAR SECTION NO DOUBT
WERE RECORDED AND COULD BE PROVEN AS TO ABOVE STATEMENTS MADE BY ME.
TAPPED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ALL DEPARTMENTAL
SUPERIORS EVERY DAY WOULD INDICATE CERTAIN SUSPICION AS TO
CHARACTER AND LOYALTY OF INDIVIDUAL RELATING TO THEIR PARTICULAR
ASSIGNMENT. [REDACTED]

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I COULD HAVE DONE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT

OF WORK AMONG OUR FOREIGN AGENTS IN BRINGING CLOSER RELATIONSHIP
WITHIN AMONG FOREIGN AGENTS WHO PUBLISHED CERTAIN ITEMS IN FOREIGN
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PAPERS. HOPING THE ABOVE INFORMATION MIGHT HELP YOU MEN OUT IN BRINGING OUR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AS OF SEVENTEEN SEVENTY SIX.

VERY TRULY YOURS, SIGNED [REDACTED] UNQUOTE. NEWARK

REQUESTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE WHETHER INFORMATION

CONTAINED IN LETTER AUTHENTIC. IF SO AND IF [REDACTED] COULD GIVE

DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING COPLON ACTIVITIES IN FARA, BUREAU

SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED. IN THAT CASE NEW YORK SUGGESTS THAT

SA COURTLAND JONES OF THE WFO GO TO NEWARK AND THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] RELATIVE TO COPLON-S ACTIVITIES IN FARA. SA JONES SUGGESTED

INASMUCH AS HE HAD MADE DETAILED STUDY OF OFFICE PROCEDURE IN FARA

FOR PAST TWO WEEKS AND COULD MORE INTELLIGENTLY ELICIT INFORMATION

FROM [REDACTED] CONCERNING ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES COMMITTED BY COPLON.

PRIOR TO ACTION BY NEWARK BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT

RE [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE HER BACKGROUND AND ADVISE NEWARK.

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cc. Mr. Fletcher

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REURTEL MARCH TWENTYTWO LAST.

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SHE IS REGULARLY EMPLOYED AT NEWARK,

N. J. AT PRESENT TIME. PHYSICAL CONDITION GOOD. BELIEVES SHE MIGHT STILL BE SLIGHTLY IRRATIONAL WITH REGARD TO HER ASSOCIATIONS WITH SUBJECT BUT WOULD HAVE NO HESITANCY IN ARRANGING INTERVIEW WITH AGENTS AND IF DESIRED. NO INTERVIEW WITH CONTEMPLATED BY THIS OFFICE AT THE PRESENT TIME UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY BUREAU.

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Reurtel March 23, 1949. You are instructed to make arrangements to immediately interview [redacted] for any information she may have concerning Judith Coplon's espionage activities.

The fact that [redacted] might have information concerning Coplon came to the Bureau's attention in January, 1949, when Mr. LaRoy McCaulley, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, contacted an Agent of the Washington Field Office concerning the matter and later furnished to the Bureau typewritten and handwritten material prepared by [redacted] concerning Judith Coplon.

[redacted] and Coplon's associates in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. [redacted] in the statements claimed that Coplon and her associates were part of a Communist clique, that Coplon was taking confidential material out of the Department of Justice Building, and that Coplon had falsified her personnel file to advance herself by changing her ratings. In addition to the foregoing, Mr. LaRoy McCaulley advised that some time prior to June, 1946, [redacted] had come to him and complained that she was being persecuted by other employees in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, and at her request, in order to keep her quiet, he assigned to her a private room and a typewriter so that she could write down the things that were "buzzing around" in her head.

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You should, in your interview with [redacted] cover the points listed above which appeared in the typewritten and handwritten memoranda and also the statements alleged by [redacted] in her letter to Judge Liskind. You should endeavor, in so far as it is possible, to get an actual account of what [redacted] knows about Judith Coplon's activities. During the interview, you note that the interview is [redacted] you will, of course, conclude the interview at that point. You should furnish the results of this interview in report form to the Bureau, Washington Field Office, and New York.

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TO : D. M. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
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You will recall that on January 26, 1949, Mr. LeRoy McCauley, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, indicated to an Agent of the Washington Field Office that he had information relating to Coplon. He subsequently furnished to Mr. Foley, who delivered to the Bureau, a folder containing typewritten and handwritten material made by [redacted] a former employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section. These statements, the first of which is dated June 5, 1946, indicate that

[redacted] The statements do have considerable information concerning the activities of Coplon and Coplon's associates in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. The statements set forth that Coplon and her associates were part of a Communist clique, that Coplon was taking Government material out of the Department of Justice Building, and that Coplon falsified her personnel file to advance herself by changing her ratings.

Subsequent to obtaining the statements, Mr. McCauley was interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office and he advised that while [redacted] was an employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, she came to him on several occasions prior to June 5, 1946, and complained that she was being persecuted by other employees in the section. She requested that she be given a private room so that she could write down the things that were "buzzing around" in her head. In order to keep the quiet, Mr. McCauley states that he assigned a room to her and later a typewriter.

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On March 13, 1949, Judge Simon H. Rifkind of the Southern District of New York, District Court, received a letter from [redacted] in which [redacted] states that she had worked with Coplon and had seen her take and destroy confidential and secret documents pertaining to the welfare and security of the United States. She makes certain other claims concerning Miss Coplon which are similar to the material in the typewritten statements.

Prior to deciding whether [redacted] should be interviewed [redacted]

[redacted] was contacted. He stated that [redacted]

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[redacted]
She is regularly employed at the [redacted] at Newark, New Jersey. He states that her physical condition is good, but he believes that she might be slightly irrational with respect to her association with Coplon. He said that he would have no hesitancy in arranging an interview between Agents and [redacted] if such were desired.

Recommendation

There is attached a letter to the Newark Office authorizing an interview of [redacted] but cautioning them that if it is found during the conduct of the interview that discussing Miss Coplon [redacted] [redacted] the interview should be concluded at that point.

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. John M. Kelley, Jr.
Director, FBI

April 5, 1949

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Reference is made to your inquiry of April 4, 1949, concerning the route taken by Gubitchev in a taxi on January 14, 1949. Gubitchev came on to 116th Street out of the subway entrance on the southwest corner of 116th Street and 8th Avenue. He walked south on 8th Avenue and entered the taxicab between 115th and 114th Streets. The cab continued south to the intersection of 113th Street and 8th Avenue where it turned west on 113th to Manhattan Avenue. The cab then went south on Manhattan to Cathedral Parkway (110th Street), west on Cathedral Parkway to Morningside Drive, north on Morningside Drive to 116th Street, west on 116th Street to Broadway. Gubitchev got out of the cab on the northeast corner of 116th Street and Broadway and entered the subway station.

You also inquired as to Gubitchev's route on February 18, 1949.

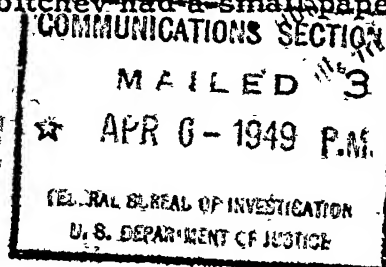
Gubitchev left the subway entrance at the southwest corner of 125th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue. He crossed to the northwest corner of the intersection and after standing for a few minutes crossed to the northeast corner of the intersection and caught a cab westbound on 125th Street. The cab went west on 125th Street to the point where the street makes a sharp bend to the north and becomes LaSalle Street. The cab then turned south on Amsterdam Avenue to Cathedral Parkway (110th Street). It went west on 110th Street to Broadway where Gubitchev got out on the northeast corner of the intersection.

Reference is further made to Mr. Whearty's inquiry concerning the location of the delicatessen visited by Gubitchev on February 18, 1949, on his way home, as well as the location in the block of Gubitchev's apartment, 64 West 108th Street.

On February 18, 1949, after leaving the cab at the northeast corner of the intersection of 110th Street and Broadway, Gubitchev walked north on Broadway. Special Agent John F. Malley, on reaching the intersection, could not see Gubitchev. Gubitchev was next seen by Malley coming out of one of the stores about a third of the way toward 111th Street from 110th Street on the east side of Broadway, which Malley believes to have been Zubar's Super Market, 2846 Broadway. Gubitchev had a small paper bag in his possession. He walked

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to 110th Street and then east on the north side of 110th Street to Amsterdam Avenue. At the intersection of Amsterdam and 110th, he crossed to the northeast corner and then crossed to the southeast corner of the intersection. He continued east on the south side of 110th Street to Columbus Avenue, then continued to Manhattan Avenue. He walked south on Manhattan, crossing over to the east side of Manhattan somewhere between 110th and 108th Streets. Gubitchev was seen coming out of one of three stores on Manhattan Avenue on the east side of the street north from 108th Street. These three are identified as a laundry on the corner, a food store, and a cigar store. He did not have any other packages with him after coming out on to the street from one of these three stores. Gubitchev then crossed to the southwest corner of Manhattan and 108th Street and walked west on 108th Street to his home, 64 West 108th Street. This is located on the south side of 108th Street between Manhattan Avenue and Columbus Avenue. It is located 52 paces from Manhattan and 85 paces from Columbus.

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TO : MR. FLETCHER, Agent of the F.B.I.

DATE: April 4, 1949

FROM : JOHN M. KELLEY, JR.,

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SUBJECT:

Judith Coplon

Before the chart maker can complete his work it will be necessary to contact the Agent or Agents who surveilled Gubitchev.

- (1) February 14, 1949 In a taxicab from 116th and 8th Ave. Station (8th Ave. Subway) to 116th and Broadway (I.R.T. Station).
- (2) February 18, 1949 In a taxicab from 125th Street and 8th Ave. (8th Ave. Subway) to Broadway and 110th Street.

The route of the taxicab in each of these instances is undisclosed by the surveillance logs.

The logs indicate that on the surveillance of February 14, 1949, Agents John F. Malley, Richard T. Hradsky and/or Richard E. Brennan participated. Likewise, that on the surveillance of February 18, 1949, John F. Malley participated.

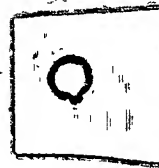
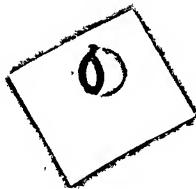
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STATIC COPIES OF INDIVIDUAL SURVEILLANCE LOGS OF AGENTS COVERING
MEETINGS OF JANUARY FOURTEEN AND FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST. ONE
COPY OF LOGS IS TO BE FURNISHED TO MR. WHEARTY.

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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : Attention: Mr. H.B. FLETCHER
 : SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, et al
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DATE: April 2, 1949

Enclosed herewith are three negatives and three prints of views taken in the vicinity of 193rd Street and Broadway on April 2, 1949, and including two views looking south on Broadway. Also enclosed is one negative of a view of Broadway looking north, the print of which is already in the possession of the Bureau.

Those photographs taken on April 2, 1949, and enclosed herewith are marked in such a way that the Bureau will be aware of the points of interest involved. Several other views of the general area were taken on April 2, 1949, and the prints will be developed by April 4 and forwarded to the Bureau at that time. In the event the Bureau desires negatives of any of the remaining photographs, they will be forwarded upon request. Also any further photographs of the surveillance area that the Bureau deems necessary will be taken upon request.

In this connection, it should be noted that an attempt was made on April 2, 1949, to take as many photographs of the points of interest involved in the three surveillances of COPLON as possible. However, the devious route which COPLON followed on January 14, 1949, up to the time she met GUBITCHEV at the corner of 193rd Street and Broadway, which is set forth on pages five and six of the report of Special Agent T. SCOTT MILLER, New York, March 8, 1949, is situated in an area which is more or less on the side of a hill and flanked by large and closely situated apartment houses. Since there are no high buildings overlooking this route or even the greater part of it, it would appear impractical to attempt to show this route by photographs.

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Reference is made to the memorandum to you from Mr. Whitson dated March 21, 1949, setting forth certain data found in the possession of Judith Coplon at the time she was arrested. The information in question is that information which was supplied to the Bureau by the State Department.

As requested, a check on this matter has been made with Mr. Jack Neal, of the State Department, by Mr. Roach and after appropriate inquiry, Mr. Neal has advised that the State Department do not desire the information used in trial whereby it may become public information. The State Department stated that "It would be dynamite to let out this type of information" and that it would undoubtedly cut off their source of information. Mr. Neal informed Mr. Roach that in view of the confidential nature in which the State Department received the information he has been asked to inform the Bureau that the information not be used.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Espionage Section for its information.

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The above relates to data sheet number 30 relative to Nicolae Malaxa. This data sheet was not recommended for use following the receipt of the above. RJL

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Director, FBI

Re: JUDITH COPLON
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Leah Palmer

Dear Sir:

The following information, as submitted by Confidential Informant [redacted] covering the period March 22nd to March 30th, 1949 is submitted herewith. It is felt that the following will be of interest in that the information contains many references to some work which the subject's attorney, ARCHIBALD PALMER, is very anxious for her to do. Many references are also made to the subject's typewriter, which she has been unable to obtain and the possibilities of borrowing a typewriter from some other source so that she, COPLON, might immediately begin whatever work it is that her attorney wishes her to do.

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On March 22nd Mr. ARCHIBALD PALMER told the subject that he wanted her to do the job that they had discussed and then talk to him.

On March 25th JUDITH COPLON, in a conversation with her cousin, [redacted] stated that she would like to borrow [redacted] portable typewriter as soon as possible as she had a few letters that she was anxious to write.

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On the 25th of March PALMER again asked the subject if she was working, to which the subject replied that she could not work yesterday, that is, March 24th, but would on this date.

In another conversation on the 25th of March the subject advised PALMER that she would be at his office at 3 o'clock the following day. PALMER then asked her if she would have any papers with her, to which she replied that she did not get her typewriter as it is in Washington. PALMER

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then told COPLON to scratch him out an outline, the type she did when she was in grammar school.

The subject, in a conversation with her sister-in-law, SHIRLEY S. COPLON, on the 26th of March, stated that for various reasons she was anxious to get a typewriter as soon as possible and thought that she might come down tomorrow and use the typewriter at PALMER'S office. She stated, however, that the only problem was the time when she would be able to leave her family's apartment in Brooklyn. SHIRLEY COPLON then suggested that the subject take a ride up (presumably to SHIRLEY COPLON'S apartment) and pick up her typewriter.

On the 27th of March subject's mother, Mrs. SAMUEL COPLON, in a conversation with an unidentified woman, stated that her daughter is doing some kind of work, then added that her daughter was advised to work. Mrs. COPLON further advised this woman that her daughter goes away each day and returns at dinner time.

Later in the morning on this date the subject called her mother from PALMER'S office and asked her mother to call her back as she was very anxious to learn how to manipulate the switchboard in PALMER'S office.

JUDITH COPLON, in a conversation with [] on the 28th of March, stated that she had to see her lawyer at 5 o'clock and that she has to bring him something which she must work on during the day. This call was made at 9:40 AM.

Also on this date COPLON, in a conversation with her attorney, ARCHIBALD PALMER, stated that her brother BERTRAM had returned from Washington, D.C. with her possessions from her apartment and her office, but that the brother was unable to find her typewriter. PALMER expressed considerable concern regarding the failure to obtain this typewriter and then ventured the opinion that it was probably being retained by the FBI so that they could identify the type. During the course of this conversation the subject's brother BERTRAM also advised PALMER that he was unable to obtain his sister's typewriter and PALMER again expressed his concern regarding it.

Also on this date the subject in a conversation with TEDDY FREIDENHEIM (phonetic) again inquired about the typewriter which she left in Washington. FREIDENHEIM stated that he did not see it when he went to

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Washington with her brother. COPLON described the typewriter as a black portable in the usual black case. The subject also stated that she believed it very strange that the typewriter was not in her apartment and that she will take this matter up with her lawyer.

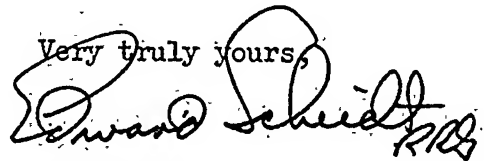
In the early afternoon on this date the subject's brother, ~~BERTRAM~~ COPLON, in a conversation with PALMER, advised PALMER that the FBI had undoubtedly taken his sister's typewriter. During the course of this conversation PALMER mentioned the fact that JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE ~~SUBITCHEV~~ may have had a very deep friendship which might even have been love. Also in this conversation PALMER stated that he had another idea, an entirely different one.

In the evening of March 28th the subject, in a conversation with a woman believed to be [redacted] stated that she thought it would be a good idea to contact the lawyer DAVE for "general apprehension", not immediately, but just to be ready.

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On the 30th of March the subject was advised by ARCHIBALD PALMER that he had arranged for her not to be present on Friday, but that she should stay around her house on Thursday and Friday and as long as she is doing it she should get busy on "that business" and thus she will have an opportunity to do what she wants to do.

Very truly yours,



EDWARD SCHEIDT,
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April 1, 1949

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Mr. B. H. Mooney
President and Publisher
The News-Tribune
Rome, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mooney:

Just the copy

There has just been brought to my attention your editorial entitled "FBI Demonstrates Its Efficiency" which appeared in the March 17, 1949 issue of The News-Tribune. I did want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your commendatory remarks concerning the activities of this Bureau in connection with the investigation mentioned in your letter. It is always gratifying to know that our efforts are being well received and I trust that our activities will continue to deserve your approbation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC: Atlanta

ARA:fk

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cc Mr. Ladd
Mr. Fletcher
Mr. Lamphere

Mr. Peyton Ford
The Assistant to the Attorney General

April 7, 1949

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Director, FBI
JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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The following information, as submitted by a confidential and reliable informant covering the period March 22 to March 30, 1949, is submitted herewith as of interest.

On March 22, 25 and 30, 1949, Judith Coplon discussed with her attorney, Mr. Archibald Palmer, certain work, the exact nature of which was not indicated although it involved considerable typing and the preparation of an outline. It was indicated that Judith Coplon would do some of this work in Palmer's office and that Mr. Palmer was anxious that this work be completed as soon as possible.

In connection with the above, during the same period, Judith Coplon expressed anxiety concerning the whereabouts of her portable typewriter. She discussed the matter with both her brother and her attorney, and her brother, Bertram Coplon, also was in touch with Mr. Palmer concerning the matter. It was finally concluded that the F.B.I. must have the typewriter. You are aware that this portable typewriter was obtained on the basis of a search warrant issued in the District of Columbia on March 5, 1949.

On March 25 and 26, Judith Coplon contacted separately her cousin, Anna Kolin, and her sister-in-law, Shirley Coplon, regarding borrowing a portable typewriter. It was indicated that she would obtain Shirley Coplon's typewriter.

On March 23, Judith Coplon, in a conversation with a woman believed to be her cousin, [redacted], stated she thought it would be a good idea to contact the "lawyer Dave" for "general apprehension" in order that he might be ready not immediately but some time in the future. The meaning of this discussion was not clear to the informant.

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On April 2, 1949, another confidential and reliable informant advised that Harold Shapiro in conversation with Nathan D. Levin of the Department discussed an article in the March 29, 1949 New York Post, written in the "Jimmy Weschler Column" concerning a Mr. X in the Department of Justice who had been dating Judith Coplon and pointed out the discrepancy in her defense of not having any social life. Shapiro went on to state that in the same issue and on the same page of the New York Post, was reflected an interview with Coplon conducted by a woman reporter, in which Coplon admits taking typewritten material from the Department, stating that life was dull; that she was writing a book; and that she didn't do anything different from what Hopkins, Wallace and others

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Re: - JUDITH COPLON
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During this conversation, Levin told Shapiro that Mr. Whearty had shown him the charts that had been prepared concerning Coplon's movements on the night of March 4, 1949, and that Mr. Whearty had informed him of certain of the other developments of that evening and that it was the most damning thing he had ever listened to. Shapiro replied that he had been convinced long ago that she (Judith Coplon) did it.

Another confidential and reliable informant advised that Shapiro contacted Bernard G. Morris of the State Department on March 31, 1949, and discussed the New York Post article covering Shapiro and as to who in Washington might have furnished the newspaper with information concerning the "Justice Department official who for the past fortnight may have been under almost daily cross-examination by Justice Department and FBI representatives." Morris expressed the opinion that it was the Justice Department or the FBI and suggested that he ask Mr. Whearty about it. Shapiro, however, was of the opinion that it had not come from the Department, but rather from someone who knew him.

The above is furnished for your information in connection with this matter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 4, 1949

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Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
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Subsequently during this conversation, LENVIN told SHAPIRO that RAY (WHEARTY) had shown him the chart that was prepared of her travels; that it was a most amazing thing; that it is the most difficult thing in the world to explain away; that RAY had told him exactly what had happened that evening; and that it was the most damning thing he had ever listened to. SHAPIRO replied that he had been convinced long ago that she did it.

The latter conversation undoubtedly refers to the chart drawn up by the New York Office showing COPLON's and GUBITCHEV's routes during the time they were under surveillance by New York Agents for the 90 minutes just prior to their arrest on March 4, 1949.

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The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and New York.

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cc - New York

See that Ford is advised.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *HL*

FROM : Mr. Fletcher *HLF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 7, 1949

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Miss Gandy ☒

In connection with the physical surveillances conducted by the New York Office in this case, on February 18, 1949 and March 4, 1949, it was necessary to utilize the services of certain female employees of the New York Office. These female employees were utilized in order to be in a position to observe Judith Coplon if she entered the Ladies Room in the Pennsylvania Station upon her arrival in New York City from Washington, D. C. The female employees were also utilized on the actual surveillance in the area of Fort Tyron Park in company with an Agent in order to avoid arousing the suspicions of Coplon, it being more logical for her to observe a man and a woman together in this area rather than two men.

The stenographers who are listed in the surveillance logs of the New York Office as actually observing pertinent matters are the chief clerk of the New York Office, Miss Sappho Manos, and a stenographer, Miss Catherine T. Condon. Both of these girls are mature and if necessary to call them as witnesses at the trial would, it is believed, make a good impression.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that in the event that Mr. John Kelley desires to use either of these girls as a witness that we interpose no objection.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RENYREPORT MARCH EIGHT, FORTYNINE,
INSTANT CASE. ON PAGE SEVENTYTHREE ARE LISTED ITEMS FOUND IN COPLON-S POSSESSION MARCH FOUR LAST. UPON AUTHORITY SAAG T. J. DONEGAN CERTAIN ITEMS WERE RELEASED INSTANT DATE TO RALPH PALMER, SON OF ARCHIBALD PALMER, THE ATTORNEY FOR COPLON. ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED PAGE SEVENTYTHREE WERE TURNED OVER TO RALPH PALMER EXCEPT COACH TICKET, FOUNTAIN PEN, KEY CHAIN WITH NINE KEYS, WALLET, US CURRENCY, BOOK ENTITLED "ALL THY CONQUESTS". RECEIPT OBTAINED. REMAINDER OF MATERIAL BEING HELD THIS OFFICE.

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DIRECTOR U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, WAS. ESPIONAGE, R. REBULET APRIL FOURTH.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : MR. V. P. KEAY *VPK*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLIN, with aliases
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 4, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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At the request of Supervisor Bob Lamphere of the Espionage Section, C. W. Bates of this section requested the Atomic Energy Commission to furnish the name of a capable witness to testify that the information furnished by the Commission to the Bureau for inclusion in a memorandum to the Department of Justice, which memorandum was intended for the subject to pass on to her principal, was taken from a classified and restricted document.

Art Rolander of the Commission telephonically advised Agent Weatherford this morning that Arnold Kramish, whose title is "Responsible Reviewer," Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., home address, 1645 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., and Frederic de Hoffmann, "Responsible Reviewer," employed by the University of California at Los Alamos, New Mexico, collaborated on the preparation of the information that was furnished to the Bureau. Either or both of these individuals can testify that the information concerning the 100 ton test came from a restricted document.

Mr. Rolander was informed that there was only a remote possibility that a witness from the Commission would be utilized in the trial of this case; however, the Department desired to have the name of a proper witness available.

ACTION:

It is suggested this memorandum be referred to Supervisor Lamphere of the Espionage Section for his information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *HBF*
 FROM : Mr. Whitson *HW*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 7, 1949

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Pursuant to your instructions at 10:30 A. M., Special Agent Lamphere, Leo J. Gauthier and Mr. George L. Cheesman of the Cartographic Section went to the office of Mr. John Kelley for the purpose of discussing the charts which are being prepared by the Cartographic Section. Mr. Raymond Whearty was present in Mr. Kelley's office. During the discussion which followed, it was agreed that an effort would be made to furnish the charts at the earliest possible time but that these charts probably would not be furnished until sometime next week. It was also agreed that the various times indicated on the charts as observed by the surveilling agents would be left off the charts except as to the time when either of the subjects entered or left the area covered by the chart.

Mr. Kelley was advised by Special Agent Lamphere that the detailed information he had requested from you regarding matters observed by individual agents on the surveillances would be obtained at the earliest possible time but that it involved considerable work on the part of the agents.

Recommendation:

This is for your information.

RJL:dhb

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. Whitson

FROM : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, et al
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 8, 1949

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At 12:45 p. m., April 6, 1949, Mr. Whearty called and stated that the Department wished to reassign Coplon's typewriter and get some use out of it. He wanted to know if it would interfere with the case and not main the identification of the typewriter. I talked with Sizoo of the Technical Laboratory who stated that the specimens obtained were sufficient and could be properly identified. There would be no objection to the use of the typewriter. I suggested that we should request Mr. Whearty not to have the typewriter repaired. He stated that would be desirable. I talked with Mr. Whearty today and he stated that he was not going to permit the use of the typewriter until the case had been tried.

At 3:45 p. m. today Mr. Whearty called and stated that he and Mr. Kelly would like to have additional pictures of various spots that were pertinent with reference to the surveillances of Coplon and Gubichev. He wanted pictures of the 166th Street to 168th Street and St. Nicholas to reflect the bus stops and the subway entrance described in the surveillance of Gubichev on February 18, 1949. He wanted a picture to cover the area of the bus stop at 14th Street and 9th Avenue. He wanted a picture of the BMT Subway Station at 14th Street. He wanted another picture of the 42nd Street and 9th Avenue area to include the bus stop and the Holland Hotel Marquee. These latter three described localities are pictures relating to the March 4, 1949, surveillance.

I instructed ASAC Belmont with reference to the requested pictures, and he stated they would be taken on Monday.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 7, 1949

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At 5:10 p.m. on April 5, 1949, Mr. John Kelly of the Department called and stated that due to the minor discrepancies in the logs of the individual Agents handling the various surveillances of Coplon and for the purpose of clarity, it was necessary to request the Bureau to obtain from each Bureau employee who observed either the subject Coplon or the subject Gubitchev a statement in narrative form of exactly what the surveilling employee observed. He stated this narrative statement should be complete in itself, and the employee should confine the narrative statement to what he actually saw himself without making reference to any other Bureau employee engaged in the same surveillance. The narrative statement should cover what he saw, where he was when he saw it and the time. I told Mr. Kelly these matters would receive immediate attention. He also advised that he required photostatic copies of the individual logs of the various Agents covering the surveillance of March 4, 1949. I told him these would be furnished. Mr. Kelly has previously been furnished the logs for the other two surveillances covering the matter of Coplon and Gubitchev.

At 9:55 a.m., April 6, 1949, I instructed ASAC Belmont, New York, to secure the narrative statements outlined above and also to forward to the Bureau the necessary copies of the individual logs covering the surveillance of March 4, 1949.

ACTION:

None. For information.

HBF:cmw

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/31/49

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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~~In accordance with your request, there is being transmitted under separate cover by special courier the following maps of Manhattan:~~

- 1) One Hagstrom's Map #2001, 44" X 64" in size, showing subway route.
- 2) One sectional map of upper Manhattan, reflecting in large detail the area of the vicinity in which subject's rendezvous with GUBITCHEV took place. This map was obtained from the City Planning Commissioner's Office, Municipal Building, New York City.
- 3) One large street map, Manhattan, obtained from the Borough President of Manhattan's Office, Municipal Building, New York City, reflecting a scale of one to one thousand, the streets and block layout of the Island of Manhattan. This map does not show subway or transit routes.

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*Delivered to Mr. Raymond Whearty
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 1, 1949

On March 27, 1949, BERTRAM G. COPLON appeared in the Washington Field Office at 10:00 AM and he and Special Agent Thomas A. Mendenhall proceeded to the subject's residence, Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, Washington, D. C. where COPLON began removing the subject's personal effects, loading them into his automobile.

In this connection, COPLON emptied a locker assigned to the subject in Agent Mendenhall's presence. This locker contained three valises, two being empty, one containing articles of clothing and some empty boxes. In addition to the above, there was in this locker a cardboard box approximately 5" x 7" x 8" in size which was nearly filled with 5" x 7" white cards. On each of these cards appeared a Russian word, letter, or phrase and what appeared to be the English equivalent, the cards evidently being used in connection with the study of the Russian language.

Shortly after COPLON began packing the subject's things, a Mr. THEODORE FREUDENHEIM, who COPLON identified as a friend who had driven down from New York with him, appeared on the scene and began to help COPLON with packing and loading subject's belongings into COPLON's automobile. FREUDENHEIM had been visiting relatives in Washington and had been delayed. According to COPLON, both had arrived in Washington at 1:30 AM on March 27, 1949 and had stayed at the Raleigh Hotel.

After finishing loading the subject's possessions, COPLON returned to the Washington Field Office with Agent Mendenhall and while awaiting the arrival of Mr. RAYMOND WHEARTY of the Department, COPLON began a discussion of the circumstances surrounding the subject's arrest. In this connection COPLON stated that he did not feel that his sister was guilty of espionage; that he thought his sister was being used in a game of international politics; and that the whole case was "much ado about nothing". He stated that he had been discussing the case with the subject's attorney and that he had obtained the above quoted phrase from him.

COPLON further expressed the opinion that the subject's meetings with GUBITCHEV were completely innocuous and raised the question as to the reason for her arrest while material was still in her possession, stating that many people carried restricted material around with them. He concluded that if the subject were guilty of anything it was of a much lesser offense than espionage.

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At approximately 3:00 PM, Mr. WHEARTY arrived at the Justice Building and furnished COPLON with a portion of material contained in three cardboard folders, which were filed behind a "personal" tab in Room 2220 of the building, after which COPLON left stating that he was in a hurry, to get back to New York because of his father's illness.

In view of the attitude of COPLON concerning his sister's guilt expressed by him as set out above, this information is being furnished for the use of the New York Office in handling future contacts with him.

cc: New York

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :
FROM :
SUBJECT:

Director, FBI

DATE: April 5, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Transmitted herewith to the Bureau and the New York Division are 8x10" photographs taken in room 2220, U. S. Department of Justice Building, which room was formerly occupied by subject. These photographs are described as follows:

#1. Depicts COPLON's desk on the right side of the room, her typewriter behind the desk, an open file drawer on the right hand side where the originals and carbons of Q-30 were found, a small wooden file box on top of the bookcase behind subject's desk where the original and carbons of data slips Q-25 through Q-29 and Q-33 were located, and on the extreme left, a paper file box on top of metal file cabinets where the originals and carbons of Q-31 and Q-32 were located.

#2. Depicts in the center of the photograph two rows of file cabinets, one of which is marked "153". This is the file drawer used by subject and in which 53 Internal Security - R reports were located.

#3. Shows a close up of the file drawer marked "153".

#4. A photograph of the file drawer depicting the manner in which data slips are filed.

There are also submitted to the Bureau for subsequent transmittal to the Department of Justice, enlargements for Court Room use of the aforementioned photographs.

*These delivered to Mr. John Kelley
at 1:30 PM on 4/6/49.*

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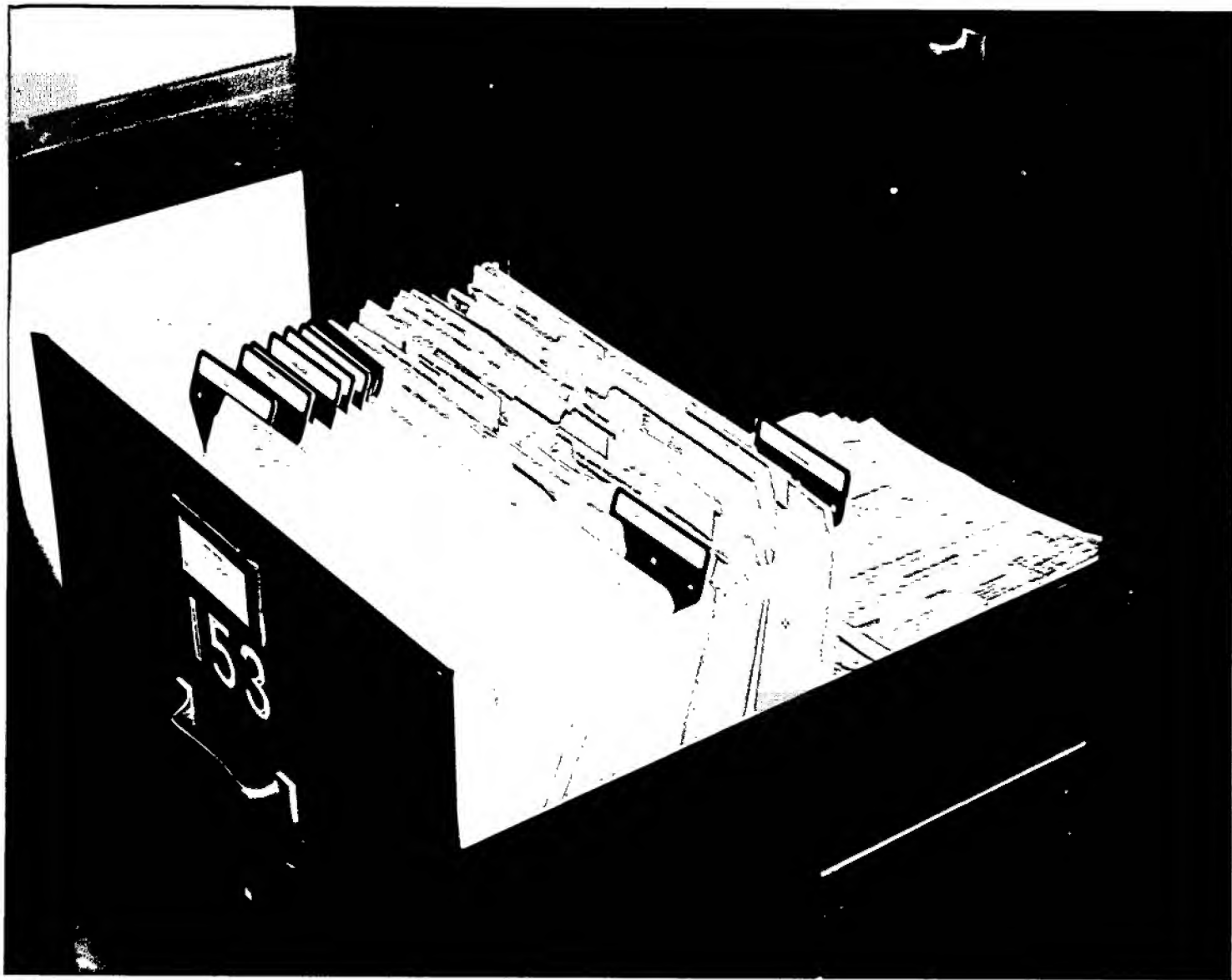
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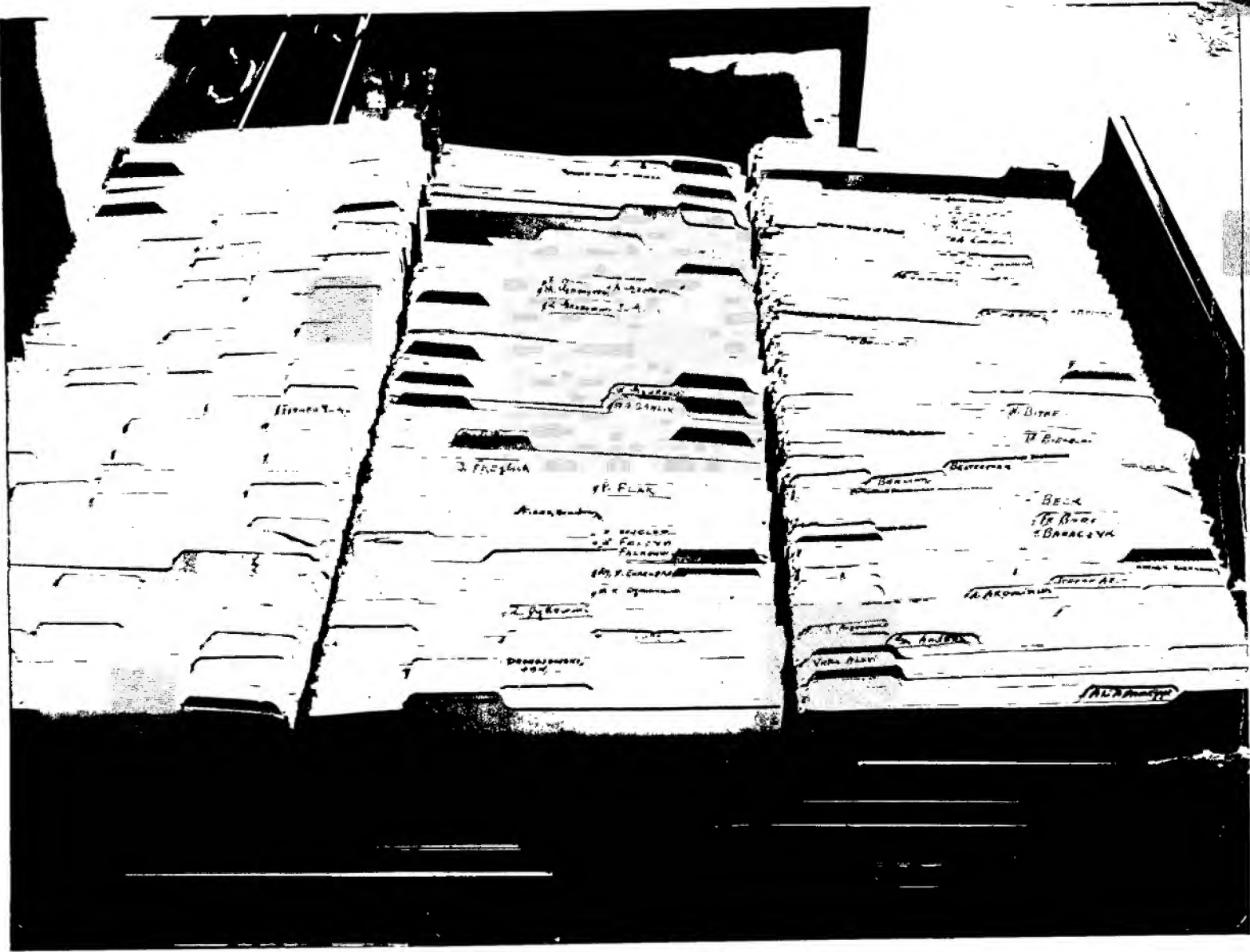
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Att: Mr. H. B. Fletcher DATE: March 29, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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In accordance with the telephone conversation between Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau and J. Edgar Hoover of the Office on the afternoon of March 29, there is forwarded herewith a newspaper article appearing on page 4 of the "New York Post Home News", dated March 29, 1949, reflecting an interview with subject, COPLON by reporter [redacted] HARRINGTON.

As a matter of further interest, in the same newspaper, under the column "Washington Memo", comment was made concerning subject COPLON's social activities in Washington. This column is also forwarded herewith.

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Washington Memo

EDITOR: Charles Van Devander

Associates: James A. Wechsler and William O. Player Jr.

Miss Coplon's 'Dates' Questioned, But It Seems They Have Little to Tell

Washington, Mar. 29.

Mr. "X" is an able, respected Justice Dept. official. But for the past fortnight he may have been under almost daily cross-examination by Justice Dept. and FBI representatives.

It seems that Mr. "X" dated Judith Coplon several times in the months preceding her arrest on charges of espionage. There is not the slightest indication that any subversive relationship existed between them. Nor is it likely that he will suffer any fate worse than the unpleasantness of the current interrogation.

According to reliable reports, Mr. "X" took Miss Coplon out, because he regarded her as one of the more attractive women employed by the agency. This disclosure, however, may undermine the defense suggested by Archibald Palmer, one of Miss Coplon's lawyers, when she was arraigned here. Palmer told reporters she was writing a book—and that the Gubitchev episode was material for the script—because she received inadequate attention from Washington bachelors.

Mr. "X" is only one of numerous residents of this capital who have been questioned in recent weeks because of past association—political or otherwise—with Miss Coplon. One correspondent who dated her a couple of times was abruptly interrupted while taking a shower and requested to answer questions about his evenings with her.

In each instance people quizzed about her have indicated that she displayed no morbid interest in politics, never suggested that her dates take her to left-wing rallies and—as far as is known—did not belong to any local front groups.

But the moral seems to be that a government official can't be too careful about the woman he selects as his dinner companion. The plight of Miss Coplon may seriously curtail the social life of other women bureaucrats.

Loaded Questionnaire: Do YOU believe labor legislation should be fair to workers, employers and the general public?

If your answer is a quick and unsuspecting "yes," you're fair game for heavily slanted questionnaires such as the one General Electric recently distributed throughout the country in an effort to collect testimonials that citizens overwhelmingly support 18 alleged objectives of the Taft-Hartley law.

Thousands of the GE blanks, duly ticked off to indicate the senders' firm advocacy of law, order and justice, have poured into Congressional offices in the past couple of weeks.

In an effort to combat this highly successful campaign the editor of the Machinist, weekly newspaper of the International Assn. of Machinists, has carefully rephrased and reloaded the GE questions to induce quite different answers. The "anti-T.H." questionnaire is printed in this week's forthcoming issue in a handy form to be torn out and mailed to legislators. Comparison of some of the slanted questions as phrased by GE and the IAM should convince most readers of the futility and lack of meaning of such documents.

The following examples provide a quick course in how to frame questions to induce the desired answer.

1. GE: "Do you believe that labor laws should, in general, preserve the employees' right to strike?" IAM: "Do you believe labor laws guaranteeing the right to strike should make it more difficult for union members to win a strike?"

2. GE: "Do you believe labor laws should see to it that both employers and unions be required to bargain in good faith?" IAM: "Do you believe that labor laws should assume that trade unions seek to avoid collective bargaining?"

3. GE: "Should labor laws permit the forcing of an employer to hire only workers who belong to a given union?" IAM: "Should labor laws require employers to refuse to work with members of the union?"



GUBITCHEV

"New York Post Home News"
March 29, 1949

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Judith Coplon Tells Her Side of Story



PETITE JUDITH COPLON during exclusive interview with Post Home News. At right, she is seen with her attorney, Archibald Palmer.

Staff Photos by Calvoco

By MARY HARRINGTON

Judith Coplon, petite spy suspect, admitted to this newspaper today that she took secret documents from her office in the Justice Dept.

"But I never gave any one else, nor ever I to," the 27-year-old Barnard graduate said in an exclusive interview, first since her arrest last Mar. 4. The FBI picked her up then as she kept a rendezvous on Third Av. with Russian Engineer Valentin A. Gubitchev, UN employe, allegedly to give him the documents.

"I was preparing a book, a case history of a government girl, and I took the documents, just as Hopkins and Ickes and countless officials have—for my own use," Miss Coplon said. "They were NOT important documents, nor could they have hurt anyone."

The trim and attractive Miss Coplon, barely five feet tall, appeared tired and very nervous during two meetings with this reporter; one last Saturday, when she was persuaded to speak for the record, and again today after she had asked for more time "to think things over."

Her big brown eyes were circled, her thin hands never still. She said she had not cried since her arrest, that she wished she could. She smiled and even laughed at the "ridiculous" charges and said her main worry is her father, Samuel Coplon, of 129 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, who is critically ill.

Since her release from here on...

Bulletin:

Samuel Coplon died early today, Archibald Palmer, Judith Coplon's lawyer, announced.

she said she has had little time to think or sleep.

"It's a nightmare," she said. She leaned forward in her chair, her face intense. "Listen, if I were taking papers for bad reasons, I would hardly walk around with them in my pocketbook. I would have given them to someone very fast, in Washington. I certainly wouldn't have gone all the way to New York with them."

"There must be plenty of foreign agents in Washington to give documents to—if I were a lady

spy," she said. "After all, I'm not a completely stupid girl." (She was a Barnard honor student in the class of '43, was managing editor of the Barnard Bulletin.)

Neither she nor her attorney, Archibald Palmer, 320 Broadway, would discuss Gubitchev or the conspiracy charge, but Miss Coplon talked quite freely on the other charge.

"The law convicts those who WILFULLY take documents," she said. "My lawyer has showed me Bouvier's law dictionary, defining 'wilfully' as with evil intent or legal malice, without a justifiable excuse."

"I had no evil intent, nor malice," she said. "I did some

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thing that has been done hundreds of times before. But now, all of a sudden, I am pictured. I don't know why. I should be the one. I'm an unimportant nobody."

She said that wherever she goes people stare at her now, or turn their backs.

"I am innocent," she said. "Certainly, if I committed any kind of crime, a burglary or even a murder, I'd be considered innocent until I was tried. Why do people just assume I'm guilty? I AM NOT. Why do you know that we couldn't even get my bond raised through the regular bondsmen. They wouldn't touch me."

She said that the night of her arrest, it was as though suddenly my whole life was torn into shreds. It was a horrendous thing.

"It seemed as though a hundred men suddenly swarmed from under the pavement," she said. "They grabbed me, and somebody said: 'FBI.' I guess they showed me identification. I spent the night in a cell with shoplifters and prostitutes. It's a weird, tangled thing."

The Justice Dept. charges Gubitchev and Miss Coplon first met uptown, pretended not to see each other, then pursued devious routes downtown for more than one hour in an attempt to escape detection or pursuit.

During her first interview with the Post Home News, Miss Coplon wore the same black sweater and heather-plaid skirt she wore at her Washington arraignment. But last Sunday the Justice Dept. released to her brother, Bertram, the clothes from her Washington room. All her clothing had been checked for concealed objects.

Miss Coplon said she had intended to write a book, which would be a case history of a government girl holding a professional job in Washington.

"I got there in 1943," she said, "after working since 1941 for the economic warfare section of the Justice Dept. in New York. I saw the wartime people leave, and the dull, deadening routine set in. It's all sterile, vacant, vapid. It's a hard life for girls."

"If you think you'll find a husband in Washington, you're crazy. There is no decent, healthy social life for the young people. I wanted to write something to show that there should be."

She added that things have gone from bad to worse in the nation's capital.

"Now, with the loyalty check on the town is frightened to boot. It's a frustrating life for any sensitive person."

The Justice Dept. said it was during a routine loyalty check that Miss Coplon was discovered to have associated with "subversive persons."

In her Justice Dept. job Miss Coplon was a political analyst, researching on the foreign agents' registration act. In connection with various organizations and individuals who came within the act and were delinquent or had not registered.

"Last summer I took a two months' leave, to get away and went to France and Italy," she said. "I was planning to give up my work and go back to journalism school, perhaps, at Columbia. I had tried to get other jobs, but a government worker seems to be wanted only as such."

Now look, what's happened. Raymond Whearty (special assistant to the Attorney General) will be prosecuting me in Washington. He was my chief and we were friendly. It's going to be a funny trial, because we all know each other so well."

The New York conspiracy charge, cited three overt acts allegedly committed by Miss Coplon and Gubitchev as they unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, did combine, conspire, confederate and agree together, "to defraud

the U. S. by impeding, impeding, obstructing, and hindering the lawful functions of the Dept. of Justice and the FBI, and (did defraud the Justice Dept.) of its right to the honest, conscientious and faithful services of the defendant, Judith Coplon."

The Washington indictment said Miss Coplon, from about Dec. 10, 1943, until Mar. 4, 1949, "did wilfully and unlawfully conceal and remove certain of such records, documents and papers, certain extracts of reports of the FBI, containing intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the U. S."

Miss Coplon— if convicted— faces \$10,000 fines and five-year prison sentences on both charges.

"No, I am not losing sleep over this," Miss Coplon said. "What can you do? It's not being broke. It's there. Tears won't help. My friends are afraid to call me, or see me, or even write, and my family had to have the phone number changed, because of cranks."

"I know that in the years

ahead, when all this is over, people will still turn their backs sometimes, and there will be jobs I can't get. But what can I do? Time will end it."

Miss Coplon made no statement about loyalty to her country. She said she was sure she had signed some kind of loyalty pledge in her Washington work.

"I wouldn't know what to say now," she said.

And when she was asked the final question: "Would you betray your country," she smiled.

The answer to that is obvious, isn't it?" she said. "Of course I'm loyal."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 4, 1949

FROM: *WJ* SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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Re New York teletype to Albany March 31, 1949.

On April 4, 1949 LESTER W. HERZOG, JR., cashier National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, Albany, New York, advised that a SAMUEL COPLON opened a business account with that bank in January 1906. In September of 1940 this account was transferred to a partnership account of S.M. COPLON and Son. The son's name was listed as BERTRAND G. COPLON. The bank had the business address listed as 1133 Broadway, New York City and the home address as 178 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Mr. HERZOG advised that the last activity of this account was in April of 1949. *B*

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The bank has had no business relations with the subject.

Mr. HERZOG advised that in the event these records are needed to present in court, the subpoena should be directed to him.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Washington Field for their information.

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cc Washington Field
cc New York City

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

ATT: H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: April 6, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed herewith are 16 photostatic copies of surveillance logs on JUDITH COPLON and VALENTIN A. GUBITCHEV on March 4, 1949, in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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Enclosures delivered
to Mr John Kelley, Dept.,
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: April 4, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

On April 1, 1949, Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department advised me that Max Rosenstein had appeared as an attorney of record in the District of Columbia for Judith Coplon. He gave the address 60 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey, and 434 Munsey Building, Washington, D. C. A pretext call to Room 434 Munsey Building was negative, and Mr. Whearty requested a very discreet check, to determine who Rosenstein was, particularly his associates.

At 10:50 a.m., April 4, 1949, I called SAC McKee, Newark, and requested him to make a very discreet check to identify Rosenstein.

At 12:30 p.m. today, in your absence, SAC McKee called in and furnished the following in response to the telephonic inquiry regarding Max Rosenstein, who, Mr. McKee stated, you indicated was associated with the counsel for Coplon.

Rosenstein's full name is Max L. Rosenstein. He is married and resides at 9 Harvard Street, Maplewood, New Jersey. He took his law and pre-law at St. Lawrence College in Canton, New York. He was born in 1894 and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1927. He maintains an office at 60 Park Place in Newark. He is listed as an appellate attorney and he does brief work for other lawyers. He is described as the "student" type and reports [redacted] has one of the most complete law libraries in the Newark area. [redacted] general reputation is good.

The files of the Newark Office indicated that he represented a number of individuals in connection with bankruptcy cases investigated by the Newark Office. In 1940, according to a credit report, he was described as one of a clique of six who acted as attorneys for trustees and/or other capacities in bankruptcy hearings.

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Mr. McKee stated that according to the files, it is the opinion of Agents who worked on bankruptcy cases in the Newark Office around that time that although Rosenstein was not actually implicated in any of the bankruptcies, his conduct could be regarded as not above suspicion.

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If you approve, I will advise Mr. Wh [redacted] orally of the above

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI ATTENTION: MR. H. B. FLETCHER DATE: March 30, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Pursuant to your telephonic request the following are being enclosed with this letter:

1. Photographs of various places in New York where subjects were observed on January 14th, February 18th and March 4, 1949. (Duplicate sets)
2. Photostatic copies of agents' physical surveillance logs:
January 14th on COPLON and GUBITCHEV
February 18th on COPLON
February 18th on GUBITCHEV
(Duplicate sets)

Valentine A.

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*1 cc each
to Mr. [redacted]
on April 6, 1949
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON

DATE: April 11, 1949

Mr. Tolson ☒

Mr. Clegg ☒

Mr. Glavin ☒

Mr. Ladd ☒

Mr. Nichols ☒

Mr. Rosen ☒

Mr. Tracy ☒

Mr. Egan ☒

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Miss Holmes ☒

Miss Gandy ☒

At 5:10 P.M. Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department called and stated he had just been informed that Gubitchev will make the bond tomorrow. This information had been secured from Mr. Donegan. This is the same information reported a few minutes before by Mr. Belmont, New York.

Mr. Whearty inquired as to whether or not a surveillance should be made of Gubitchev. I told him that I thought Gubitchev would be very conscious of a surveillance and would do everything to avoid it and that such a surveillance could not be discreet. I told him we were considering the desirability of a surveillance but it did not appear that anything could be gained except embarrassment. He stated that they would consider the matter of a surveillance further.

At 5:25 Mr. Whearty called again. He stated that the personal property which had been taken from Gubitchev at the time of his arrest should not be returned to him when he requests it. I told him his instructions would be followed and that if any request was made of our New York Office, the person making the request would be referred to Mr. Donegan. He stated that was correct. He asked that he be furnished photostats of all documents in the possession of Gubitchev. I told him this would be done.

I phoned Mr. Belmont immediately and requested that he furnish to the Bureau photostats of all documents taken from Gubitchev at the time of his arrest so that they could be furnished to Mr. Whearty.

ACTION:

None, for information.

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
Criminal Division

April 7, 1949

Attention: Mr. Raymond Shearty

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to my memorandum to the Attorney General dated March 7, 1949 with which there were forwarded photostatic copies of the Data sheets found in the possession of Coplon when he was arrested on March 4, 1949. An analysis of the data sheets and FBI reports from which the information was taken has been made to determine which of these data sheets and reports, if used at the trial, would not from a security standpoint jeopardize current investigations, informants and techniques of this Bureau. There are listed below those data sheets and reports which we believe can be used. In this connection, if you feel that it is essential to the successful prosecution of this case to use additional data sheets or reports please inform us as to which ones you desire to use in addition to those we list and we will give further consideration to this matter. We are also enclosing two photostatic copies of the pertinent portions of the reports which were excerpted in the data sheets.

Data Sheet Number 1, Re: Salomon Lieberman

The data sheet can be used and if necessary the report can be used. We have, however, photostated the pertinent portions of this report and recommend that the photostat be used.

Data Sheet Number 2, Re: Jacob Leon Gyer

The data sheet can be used, but the report could not be used with security. We have, however, photostated the pertinent portions of this report which could be used.

Data Sheet Number 4, Re: Dr. Aramsis Akob Hovsepian

The data sheet and report can be used. It is recommended that the pertinent portions of this report, as photostated, be used.

Data Sheet Number 5, Re: Philip Levy

The data sheet can be used, the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portion of the report has been photostated and could be used.

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Data Sheet Number 6, Re: William J. Ragin

The data sheet and the report can be used. It is recommended that the photostatic copy of the synopsis of this report be used.

Data Sheet Number 7, Re: Stojan Krstic

The data sheet could be used; the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portion of the report, as photostated, could be used.

Data Sheet Number 8, Re: Clara Juravcoff

The data sheet can be used; the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portions of the report, as photostated, could be used.

Data Sheet Number 9, Re: Paul N. Juravcoff

The data sheet can be used but the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portions, as photostated, could be used.

Data Sheet Number 12, Re: Dorothy Lowengrund Bloch

The data sheet can be used; the two reports could not be used with security. The pertinent portions of this data sheet, as appearing in the reports, have been excerpted but do not include the words "in 1945" as appearing in the second paragraph of the data sheet. This quotation does not appear in either report. The excerpting was apparently in error in this respect. The photostats of the two reports could be used.

Data Sheet Number 13, Re: Ursula Wasserman

The data sheet could be used; the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portions of the report, as photostated, could be used.

Data Sheet Number 14, Re: John Loomis Sherman

The data sheet and the report can be used with security. A photostatic copy of the entire report has been prepared.

Data Sheet Number 15, Re: Artkino

The data sheet and the report can be used. It is recommended however, that the pertinent portions of the report, as photostated, be used.

Data Sheet Number 17, Re: Dr. Robert L. Leslie

The data sheet and the report can be used with security. A photostatic copy of the report has been prepared.

Data Sheet Number 21, Re: Georgi Dimitrov Sotirov

The data sheet can be used; the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portions of the report, as photostated, could be used.

Data Sheet Number 27, Re: Arkino Pictures and Nicholas Napoli

The data sheet and the report can be used. It is recommended that the pertinent portions of the report, as photostated, be used.

Data Sheet Number 27, Re: Novaya Zarya

The data sheet can be used; the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portions of the report, as photostated could be used.

Data Sheet Number 28, Re: Novaya Zarya

The data sheet can be used; the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portions of the report, as photostated, can be used.

Data Sheet Number 29, Re: Novaya Zarya

The data sheet can be used; the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portions of the report, as photostated, can be used.

Data Sheet Number 31, Re: Branko Kramar

The data sheet can be used; the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portions of the report, as photostated, can be used.

Data Sheet Number 32, Re: Branko Kramar

The data sheet can be used; the report could not be used with security. The pertinent portions of the report, as photostated, could be used.

Data Sheet Number 33, Re: Nicholas G. Nicholas

The data sheet can be used; the report cannot be used with security. The pertinent portion of the report, as photostated, can be used.

Data Sheet Number 34, Re: Mario J. Pezzola

The data sheet and the report can be used with security. A photostatic copy of the entire report has been prepared.

In addition to the foregoing you will probably desire to use as evidence the memorandum dated March 3, 1949 relating to [redacted]

[redacted] by Special Agent Charles W. Bates. [redacted]

[redacted] These individuals actually prepared the information furnished to the Bureau a portion of which was incorporated in our memorandum.

The actual memorandum was prepared by Special Agent Robert J. Lamphere. Following the approval of the memorandum by officials of this Bureau, the memorandum was delivered to Mr. Peyton Ford at 6:00 p.m. on March 3, 1949 by Inspector Howard B. Fletcher. Mr. Ford delivered the memorandum to Mr. Whearty who gave it to Mr. William Foley who delivered it, with other memorandums, to Miss Coplon on the morning of March 4, 1949.

With respect to the material Coplon had relating to the FBI Summary Memorandum on Soviet and Satellite Intelligence and the biographical material relating to the Sinderbrands and Stevenson, two photostatic copies are enclosed which delete the material relating to [redacted] for security reasons. This matter has been discussed by Inspector Howard B. Fletcher and Mr. Raymond Whearty. It is also our understanding that you do not intend to use the Summary on Soviet and Satellite Intelligence in any way in the trial of this case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: March 21, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF* (2)SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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In a recent conversation between Special Assistant to the Attorney General Donegan and Agents of the New York Office, Mr. Donegan stated that the following material would be necessary evidence at the trial in New York City:

(1) The original FBI reports sent to the Department, which were summarized on the data sheets in Coplon's possession when she was arrested on March 4, 1949. The location of these reports is being handled by Agents of the Washington Field Office. The question of the introduction into evidence of these reports is discussed later on in this memorandum.

(2) Originals and copies of the data sheets Coplon had when arrested. These copies are being located by the Washington Field Office where such copies exist.

(3) The course of the planted memorandum relating to

_____ by Special Agent Charles W. Bates, and incorporated into a memorandum prepared by Special Agent R. J. Lamphere. A memorandum containing this information after it was approved was delivered to Mr. Peyton Ford by Inspector H. B. Fletcher on the evening of March 3, 1949. Mr. William E. Foley placed this memorandum on Judith Coplon's desk on the morning of March 4, 1949. The Agents of the Washington Field Office are ascertaining from Mr. Foley as to whether he received the memorandum directly from Mr. Peyton Ford.

(4) Identification of handwriting relative to the above memorandum. When arrested, Miss Coplon had in her possession a summarization of the memorandum relative to _____

_____ This handwriting has been identified as Miss Coplon's through a comparison with the handwriting appearing in her personnel file. Further specimens of her handwriting are to be obtained in order that we can definitely produce known specimens of her handwriting, which can be identified in Court as hers.

(5) Identification of typewriting on the data sheets. An identification has been made by the FBI examiner reflecting that _____ typewriters were used. Two of them were in the Foreign Agents

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Registration Section, one of which was in Miss Coplon's office. The other typewriter has been identified with a Corona portable which was obtained, through the use of a search warrant, from Miss Coplon's apartment.

(6) The whereabouts of the FBI summary on Soviet and Satellite Espionage Activities in the United States which was mentioned in the typewritten memorandum in the possession of Miss Coplon when arrested. This summary has been placed by Mr. Foley in his safe pending its potential use at the trial. It is, of course, recognized that this summary could not actually be produced at the trial as evidence unless the Presiding Judge would rule that it was confidential and was not to be made available to the defense or to the Jury.

(7) The Department witness or witnesses who will testify as to the nature of Coplon's duties in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. The Washington Field Office has interviewed Mr. William E. Foley regarding what he can testify to relative to her duties. It is also believed that Miss Ruth Rossen of the Foreign Agents Registration Section will be a necessary witness, inasmuch as she is the one who gave Miss Coplon various reports relating to Internal Security - R cases.

(8) The desirability of the use of the data sheets and FBI reports. This is a question which has been given considerable study. There are a number of important factors to be considered. It would appear necessary that we will have to clear a sufficient number of the data sheets to insure that a conviction can be obtained. At the same time, certain of the data sheets, if produced in evidence, would prejudice important pending investigations. In other cases our informants' identities might be endangered by the use of the data sheets at the trial. Separate memoranda are attached analyzing each data sheet from the standpoint of the above. ✓

The next question involves the use of Bureau reports at the trial. Mr. Whearty has advised that it may be possible to produce the reports only for the examination of the Presiding Judge. If this can be done, it would be possible to produce reports in each instance where we favor the use of the data sheet. However, if it will be necessary to introduce the reports into evidence, making them available to the defense and actually public at the trial, it is not believed we can make many of the reports available without endangering our current investigations. This matter is also taken up regarding each case in the separate memoranda.

Mr. D. M. Ladd

It might also be possible to use [REDACTED] data sheets at the trial without their actually being introduced into [REDACTED] by an Agent testifying that the data sheet was found in Coplon's possession and the prosecution then requesting a ruling that its contents as confidential should not be made known. Mr. Whearty has advised that this has been done at certain other trials. If this event, all of the data sheets could be used to a limited extent and each of them could be introduced into evidence where they would not prejudice ongoing pending investigations. Relative to this, you will note that the recommendation in the attached memoranda in each instance is made solely on the basis that the data sheet or report could or could not be introduced into evidence without endangering our investigations, informants and techniques.

The recommendations made in the attached memoranda are listed below:

Data Sheet No.	Re:	Rec. on Data Sheet	Rec. on Reports
1.✓	✓Lieberman	Yes	Yes ✓
2.✓	✓Gyer	Yes	[REDACTED] ✓
3.✓	✓Saron	No	✓
4.✓	✓Hovsepian	Yes	Yes ✓
5.✓	✓Levy	Yes	No ✓
6.✓	✓Ragin	Yes	Yes ✓
7.✓	✓Krstic	Yes	No ✓
8.✓	✓Juravcoff	...	No ✓
9.✓	✓Juravcoff	Yes	No ✓
10.✓	✓Beerman	No	No ✓
11.✓	✓March	No	No x
12.✓	✓Bloch	Yes	No ✓
13.✓	✓Wasserman	Yes	No ✓
14.✓	✓Sherman	Yes	Yes ✓
15.✓	✓Artkino	Yes	Yes ✓
16.✓	✓Potash	No	No ✓
17.✓	✓Leslie	Yes	Yes ✓
18.✓	✓Tacconi	No	No ✓
19.✓	✓Walden	No	No ✓
20.✓	✓Gougoff	No	No ✓
21.✓	✓Sotirov	Yes	No ✓
22.✓	✓Gordon	No	No ✓
23.✓	✓Chavez	Yes	... No
24.✓	✓Aleksander	No	No ✓
25.✓	✓Napoli	Yes	Yes ✓

Mr. D. M. Ladd

Data Sheet No.	Re:	Rec. on Data Sheet	Rec. on Reports
26.	Novaya Zaryar	Yes	No ✓
27. ✓	Novaya Zaryar	No	No ✓
28. ✓	Novaya Zaryar	Yes	No ✓
29. ✓	Novaya Zaryar	Yes	No ✓
30. ✓	Radescu (Malaxa)	...	No ✓
31. ✓	Kramar	Yes	No ✓
32. ✓	Kramar	Yes	No ✓
33. ✓	Nicholas	Yes	No ✓
34. ✓	Pezzola	Yes	Yes ✓
TOTALS		22.....Yes	8....Yes

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a conference be arranged by the Bureau officials and Mr. Raymond Whearty and Mr. John Kelley (who are to try the case) for the purpose of ascertaining the following:

- A. Can arrangements be made to keep all the data sheets and Bureau reports confidential at the trial, thereby keeping the press and the House Committee on Un-American Activities from having access to them, by only having the Judge see the data sheets and reports, or by having the defense agree to a closed trial.
- B. Or can a pre-trial conference be had in an effort to determine if the defense for Coplon and Gubitchev will agree to security restrictions relative to the use of the data sheets and reports at the trial. This conference would also enable the prosecution to determine what ruling the Judge will make relative to the security of the data sheets and the Bureau reports.

If such arrangements cannot be effected and it is necessary to use at the trial only those data sheets and reports which can be made public without endangering our investigations, informants and techniques, Mr. Whearty will be advised by a memorandum that he can use twenty-two data sheets and eight reports. In connection with two of the data sheets and one report (see numbers 8, 23, and 20 in the attached memorandum) we are checking with two field offices and two other agencies prior to a final determination as to whether we can use the material. Mr. Whearty will be advised that as to these we are making the additional checks and will advise him at a later date as to the possible use of these at the trial.

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by Carlson* off. but I don't want to be "stuffed" about it. Use of our info. compromise security reasonably. H.

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MEMORANDA REGARDING THE USE
OF DATA SHEETS AT THE TRIAL
OF COPLON, AND THE USE OF THE
F.B.I. REPORTS FROM WHICH THE
DATA SE WERE PREPARED.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*
 FROM : Lish Whitson *LW*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 21, 1949

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Information Appearing on the Data Sheet

who is familiar with the activities of the Russian Embassy personnel, advised that he has received no info indicating that any person in the Swiss legation might be connected with Soviet Intelligence activities. The Informant has observed, however, that Eric Kessler, Counselor, Swiss Legation, has been in contact with Soviet Embassy personnel, but informant has obtained no info re these contacts which would indicate that Kessler was engaged in more than his official business.

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"Brent report, Washington, DC, Re: Salomon Liebermann, was; Jean Liebermann, was, Int.Sec.-R."

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Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The report of Special Agent Aubrey S. Brent dated November 23, 1948, at Washington, D. C. (Bureau file reference 100-346290-27), in the case entitled "Salomon Liebermann, was, et al; Internal Security - R," is the source of the above-quoted data sheet. The information in the report which appears on page 21, from which the data sheet was prepared, is set forth below:

"Confidential Informant of known reliability, who is familiar with the activities of the Russian Embassy personnel, advised that he has received no information indicating that any person in the Swiss legation might be connected with Soviet Intelligence activities. This informant has observed, however, that ERIC KESSLER, Counselor to the Swiss Legation who resides at 3202 Cleveland Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., has been in contact with Soviet Embassy personnel. The informant, however, has obtained no information concerning these contacts which would indicate that Kessler was engaged in more than his official business." (page 21, paragraph 3)

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Bureau Informant's Identity

The information appearing in the data sheet was obtained from
Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is
believed that the source of the information, as credited to this informant, is
very well protected in the data sheet and in the report.

OBSERVATIONS:

The report in this matter deals with two subjects who are suspected
of having engaged in Soviet espionage activities in Europe and possibly in the
United States. The data sheet could very well be used at the trial without
endangering Bureau informants or the security of this investigation. It is also
felt that if it were absolutely necessary, this is one of the reports which could
be produced at the trial.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this data sheet could be used and, if necessary,
the report might also be used.

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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HB 7*

DATE: March 21, 1949

FROM : Lish Whitson *LW*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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Information Appearing on the Data Sheet

"Jacob Leon Gyer, aka Jack Gyer

"In Aug of 1947 subject applied for Soviet citizenship thru Russian Consulate in San Fran.

"#Abborr, Los Angeles, 12/17/48, Re: JLG, Sec. Matter-C." (No. 2)

Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

Referral/Consult

The report of Special Agent Edward E. Abbott dated December 17, 1948, at Los Angeles (Bureau file reference 100-341266-6), in the case entitled "Jacob Leon Gyer, aka Jack Gyer; Security Matter - C," is the basis for the above quoted data sheet. The information appearing in the report, from which the data sheet was prepared, is set forth below:

The first sentence in Coplon's abstract is identical with a sentence in the synopsis of the report.

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of this informant is believed to be well protected.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is recommended that this data sheet could be used at the trial without endangering the Bureau's informant or the security of the Bureau's investigation of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this data sheet could be used at the trial. It is not felt that the Bureau's investigative report in this matter should be produced at the trial inasmuch as it contains information attributed to various other confidential informants and reveals other techniques used in the investigation of this individual.

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TO : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : L. WHITSON *W*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 21, 1949

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE DATA SHEET

"Leona Saron

"On 12/27/47, T-1, an informant of known reliability, who is familiar with affairs of Leon Ivanovich Pavlov, Third Secy and former head of the 'USSR Information Bulletin,' advised that Saron stated that she had previously seen Pavlov re a position with the 'Bulletin'. In connection with her application, informant advised that on the above date, she (Saron) furnished Pavlov with a summary of her background and experience as follows. etc. Informant stated that Saron said she was very much interested working with the 'Information Bulletin'. She claimed to be completely familiar with office practice [redacted] reof though not an expert proof reader nor editorial writer.

"According to T-5, Tseko Etropolski, First Secy, Bulgarian Legation, is the party whip in the Legation and has taken on administrative functions so far as security is concerned. The informant states that his duties are limited to propaganda and intelligence work. He has been in contact with the Soviet Embassy and with reps of other Satellite diplomatic representations.

"#McQueen report, Wash., DC. 11/25/48. Re: IS, was Sec. Matter -C."

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT

The report of Special Agent Robert K. McQueen dated November 26, 1948, at Washington, D. C., (Bureau file reference 100-100035-25) in the case entitled, "Leona Saron, was., Security Matter - C," sets forth the following information which was the basis for the above data sheet:

"On December 27, 1947, Confidential Informant T-1, an informant of known reliability, who is familiar with affairs of Leonid Ivanovich Pavlov, Third Secretary and former head of the 'USSR Information Bulletin,' advised

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that Leona Saron stated that she had previously seen Pavlov with regard to a position with the 'Bulletin.' In connection with her application, informant advised that on the above date, she furnished Pavlov with a summary of her background and experience as follows:

"Education: High school graduate. College courses at night over a period of about seven years - College of the City of New York, Hunter College, Columbia University. In addition, I attended Cornell University for four months during 1944, studying the Soviet Union, its history, geography, economy, literature, etc. in the special course given by Cornell on Contemporary Russian Civilization. My professors included Sir Bernard Pares, Professor Frederick Schuman, Professor Ernest J. Simmons, Vladimir D. Kazakevich.

"Experience: October-November, 1947 - I spent seven weeks in Denver, Colorado with the Denver Council of American Soviet Friendship arranging a mass meeting celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the Soviet Union. I assisted in all the details connected with the meeting - program, publicity, ticket sales, etc.

"1943-1947. I worked with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship as Director of the Speakers' Bureau. I was in complete charge of the department. My secretary and I arranged the speaking engagements and took care of all the necessary details. We consulted with program directors (ministers, rabbis, teachers), secured the speaker for them, arranged financial terms, attended to traveling details (hotels, trains, planes, etc.) We wrote all publicity and biographical information. working closely with our speakers and suggesting topics and methods of presentation of material on the Soviet Union to American audiences.

"1942-1943. I worked for Trade Union Advertising which solicited advertising for the CIO Industrial Union Council Year Book.

"1937-1941. I worked at the American Artists' Congress, an anti-fascist organization of artists. I was in complete charge of the office, dictated correspondence, wrote speeches, forewords to catalogs, edited, proof read public material.

"1935-1936. I worked at the National Committee on Maternal Health at the Academy of Medicine.

"1931-1935. I was employed by Consumers' Research, publishers of a monthly bulletin. I was in charge of the routine department of sixteen employees.

"1929-1931. Miscellaneous positions in an employment office, Montgomery Ward's Research Department, etc., doing secretarial work.

"Informant stated that Saren said she was very much interested working with the 'Information Bulletin.' She claimed to be completely familiar with office practice thereof though not an expert proof reader nor editorial writer. She said she had been studying the Russian language at the American-Russian Institute (New York) for over a year.

"According to Confidential Informant T-5, mentioned above, Etropolski is the party whip in the Legation and has taken on administrative functions so far as security is concerned. The informant states that his duties are limited to propaganda and intelligence work. He has been in contact with the Soviet Embassy and with representatives of other Satellite diplomatic representations."

BUREAU INFORMANTS' IDENTITIES

Confidential informant T-1, listed above, is confidential informant Z, [redacted]

Confidential informant T-5 is [redacted]

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OBSERVATIONS

It is not believed that we should use this data sheet in view of the fact that it reveals information concerning Tseko Etropolski, the First Secretary of the Bulgarian Legation, who is the subject of an important espionage investigation at the present time.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this data sheet should not be used at the trial and it, of course, follows that the report should not be produced.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. FLETCHER *ABF*
 FROM : L. WHITSON *mk*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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DATE: March 21, 1949

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When Judith Coplon was arrested on March 4, 1949, in New York City, she had 34 data sheets of the Foreign Agents Registration Section in her possession. Consideration is being given as to which of these data sheets can be used at the trial. One of the data sheets concerns the investigation of the case set forth below:

INFORMATION APPEARING ON THE DATA SHEET

"Dr. Aramais Akob Hovsepien, was

"Los Angeles

"T-1, who was in position to observe and was quite familiar with activities of personnel of Soviet Vice-Consulate in LA, advised that during period from 10/45 thru 11/47 subject was often in contact with Consulate. One particular contact occurred on 7/17/46. According to informant, subject met with Mukhachev then secy to the Vice-Consulate. This contact took place about time of Redin trial.

"T-2 supplied info in early part of 1945 (info was in a foreign language). This source advised he was present when subject and wife had long discussion re apparent difficulties between subject and Pastoeff. Subject had just returned from first meeting with new Vice-Consul Vavilov. Subject stated that Vavilov stated in connection with difficulty subject had had with Pastoev that the matter had been reported to Washington and Vavilov, in reply to these inquiries, had received your detailed biography and instruction to continue the acquaintance with the Hovsepiens."

"Wittenburg, LA, 1/31/49, Re: Dr. AAH, Int. Sec.-R"

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT

The following information appears in the report of Special Agent Arthur C. Wittenburg dated January 31, 1949, at Los Angeles (Bureau file reference 100-332756-27) in the case entitled, "Dr. Aramais Akob Hovsepien, was, Internal Security - R," which was the basis for the above quoted abstract sheet:

"Los Angeles T-1 who was in a position to observe, and was quite familiar with the activities of the personnel of the Soviet Vice-Consulate which then existed in Los Angeles, advised that it had come to his attention that during the period from October 1945 through November, 1947, subject was quite often in contact with members of the Consulate personnel. It appeared from the information furnished by the informant that these contacts con-

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sisted mostly of social gatherings, etc., but the informant gained the distinct impression that the subject and his wife were on friendly, if not intimate, terms with various members of the Soviet Vice-Consulate personnel.

"One particular contact of significance occurred on July 17, 1946. According to informant at this time Dr. Hovsepian met with Mukhachev who was then Secretary to the Vice-Consulate. This contact took place at about the time of the Redin trial and in discussing this matter the subject congratulated Mukhachev on the outcome and indicated that he was not in sympathy with the American authorities.

"At the time of the same contact discussion was had with respect to the 'ACS Serum' (Youth Serum) which had been developed in Russia. Informant stated that based on this and other information he believed that samples of this serum were sent to the subject from Russia via the local Soviet Vice-Consulate.

"Los Angeles T-2 in the early part of 1945 provided Agents of this office with information with regard to activities on the part of the subject and his wife. At the time this information was received, it was in a foreign language and has since been translated. This source advised that on one occasion subject was conversing with his wife at which time he seemed very much concerned about the fact that V. V. Pastoev, who was then Soviet Vice-Consulate in Los Angeles, did not like him, etc. According to this source, this feeling on the part of Pastoev greatly perturbed the subject in that he felt he had rendered unusual services to both the personnel of the Soviet Vice-Consulate and to visiting seamen from Russian ships docked in the Los Angeles Harbor.

"On another occasion this source was present when Mrs. Hovsepian met with an unknown woman at which time they discussed a letter which Mrs. Hovsepian had received from her son, Alik, who was then serving in the Army. After a discussion of the contents of the letter, there followed a general discussion of the efforts of the American forces, during which conversation Mrs. Hovsepian was extremely derogatory in her remarks with respect to the American armed forces and was also bitter in her denunciations of Churchill. During this same discussion Mrs. Hovsepian highly praised the wartime activities of the Russian armed forces.

"On a subsequent occasion the same source advised that he was present when subject and his wife had a long discussion with respect to some apparent difficulties between the subject and V. V. Pastoev. According to this source, the subject had just returned from his first meeting with the new Vice-Consul Vavilov at which time he had a very complete discussion with respect to his previous differences with Pastoev. In the interest of brevity

the complete text of this conversation is not being set forth, but to summarize, it involved rather close questioning by Vavilov as to Hovsepian's contacts in Los Angeles, his feelings toward the Soviet Union, etc. With respect to the latter, Hovsepian was very high in his praise of the USSR and offered to do anything in his power to help the Soviet Union.

"In one part of this conversation, Hovsepian stated that Vavilov stated that in connection with the difficulty that he, Hovsepian had had with Pastoev, that the matter had been reported to Washington and in reply to these inquiries, Vavilov had received 'your detailed biography and instructions to continue the acquaintance with the Hovsepians.'"

BUREAU INFORMANTS' IDENTITIES IN THE REPORT

T-1 in the above report was [] which was a []
[] T-2 in the above report was IA CAP-37, which was a technical surveillance on Aramais Akob Hovsepian, 1913 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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The information credited to T-1 [] in the data sheet is believed to be fairly well protected in the wording so that it is not apparent that [] The information credited to T-2 (IA CAP-37) is not as well protected and would probably be known as a technical surveillance to Hovsepian and his wife if the data sheet were made public at the trial.

OBSERVATIONS

This case involves a pro-Soviet individual who was a contact of the Los Angeles Soviet Consulate prior to the closing of that Consulate. The use of this data sheet is believed desirable subject to the determination of the other factors regarding this matter which are discussed separately in the cover memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this data sheet be used (a) even if the data sheet is made public, (b) even if it is necessary to produce the report.

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TO : H. B. FLETCHER *ABF*
 FROM : L. WHITSON *ML*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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DATE: March 21, 1949

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INFORMATION APPEARING ON THE DATA SHEET"Philip Levy

"T-2 reported that he learned in May of 1945, subject's brother, Jacob Levy Civian had met an individual whom he thought 'looks like a Russian general' and was considering entering into some business relationship with him. Subject advised against it unless the individual would be willing to put up \$5,000 for a survey of the Mexican situation. It is thought that the person discussed was Joe Pikker (phonetic) or Joe Foster. Later Civian entered the country having in his possession five packages of \$1,000 each in \$20 bills. It is noted that this denomination has frequently been used in Soviet espionage payoffs.

"#Burke report, Newark, 11/23/48, Re: Philip Levy, Int. Sec. -R"

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT

The report of Special Agent Edward G. Burke dated November 23, 1948, at Newark (Bureau file reference 100-335075-240) in the case entitled, "Philip Levy, Internal Security - R," sets forth the following information which was the basis for the above data sheet:

"T-2 advised that the subject and Civian discussed business transactions with Joseph C. Foster, whose address in 1944 was 282 North Main Street, Leominster, Massachusetts.

"In May of 1945, the Informant learned that Civian had met an individual whom he thought 'looks like a Russian general' and was considering entering into some business relationship with him. Levy advised against it unless the individual would be willing to put up \$5,000.00 for a survey of the Mexican situation. It is thought that the person discussed was Joe Pikker (phonetic) or possible Joe Foster. Later Civian entered the country having in his possession five packages of \$1,000.00 each in \$20.00 bills. It is noted that this denomination has frequently been used in Soviet espionage payoffs."

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BUREAU INFORMANT'S IDENTITY IN THE REPORT

Confidential informant T-2 in the above report was NK C-21 which was a technical surveillance on Philip Levy. The identity of this informant is believed to be fairly well protected in the report.

OBSERVATIONS

The Philip Levy investigation is a case which has been pending over a considerable period of time and has been an important espionage investigation. There has been some consideration lately toward closing out this investigation. It is believed that this data sheet could be used pending a determination of the other factors regarding this matter which are discussed separately in the cover memorandum. It is not felt that this data sheet can be used if it will be necessary to produce the Bureau report. The Bureau report is 61 pages in length, summarizes our investigation of Philip Levy in detail, and among other things mentions the President's Assistant, David X. Niles.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this data sheet be used if only the data sheet is to be used and not the report.

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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*
 FROM : Lish Whitson *LW*
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Information Appearing on the Data Sheet

"William J. Ragin, was

Subject arouses suspicion in Baltimore, MD by possession of expensive photo equipment, signs of unusual affluence, and references to contacts with the Russian Embassy. Subject continues to make frequent moves around the US seeking employment for short periods of time in the prominent industries of the country. Present whereabouts unknown. (No. 6)

"#Margison report, Baltimore, 11/16/48, William J. Ragin, was Int. Sec.-R."

Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The report of Special Agent Robert E. Margison dated November 16, 1948, at Baltimore (Bureau file reference 100-48565-18), in the case entitled "William J. Ragin, was; Internal Security - R," is the basis for the above quoted abstract. The information appearing in the Bureau's report is set forth below:

"SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

"Subject arouses suspicion in Baltimore, Maryland by possession of expensive photographic equipment, signs of unusual affluence, and references to contacts with the Russian Embassy. Background data and known residences and places of employment set out. Subject continues to make frequent moves around the United States seeking employment for short periods of time in the prominent industries of the country. Present whereabouts unknown."

OBSERVATIONS:

It is to be noted that the above represents a quotation of the synopsis of the Bureau report. No informants are used in the synopsis. It is believed

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that this data sheet could be used with safety from the standpoint of the Bureau's investigation concerning this individual, although, of course, the fact that we were investigating him would come to his attention if there were any publicity concerning the data sheet. It is also believed that if absolutely necessary the report could also be produced. This investigation does not appear to be of any great importance.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the data sheet can be used and if absolutely necessary the report can also be used.

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 FROM : Lish Whitson *LW*
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Information Appearing on the Data Sheet

"Krstic

"Reference Bureau letter, 3/26/48, authorized investigation of Stojan Krstic, employed by Yugo Consulate at Chicago, in order to verify and implement info that subject is engaged in intelligence activities as agent of UDB at Yugo Consulate.

"#Fitzgerald, Chicago, 10/8/48, Re: SK, Int. Sec. Yu & R."

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Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The report of Special Agent Garold R. Fitzgerald dated October 8, 1948, at Chicago (Bureau file reference 100-355155-5), in the captioned "Stojan Krstic; Internal Security - Yu and R," is the basis for the above-quoted abstract. The information appearing in the Bureau's report is set forth below:

"Referenced Bureau letter of March 26, 1948, authorized investigation of Stojan Krstic, employed by the Yugoslav Consulate at Chicago, in order to verify and implement information reflecting subject to be engaged in intelligence activities as an agent of the U.D.B. at the Yugoslav Consulate at Chicago." (page 2)

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OBSERVATIONS:

There is no source indicated for the above information and, therefore, the use of this data sheet would not involve the revealing of a Bureau informant. It is to be noted that this is one of the reports which a highly confidential and reliable source reflected was in Miss Coplon's office prior to her arrest. This individual is the subject of a pending investigation to determine his activities

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inasmuch as he is suspected of being a Yugoslav intelligence agent in Chicago. In view of the above it is not believed that the Bureau's report on this matter could be produced at this trial under any circumstances.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the data sheet can be used but under no circumstances should the report in this matter be used at the trial.

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TO : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : L. WHITSON *lw*
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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE DATA SHEET

"Clara Juravcoff

"[redacted] who is considered reliable, stated that in 1925, [redacted]

[redacted] believes that Clara Juravcoff is person referred to. Clara formerly married to Jacob Skolnik.

"#Raudsep, San Fran, 11/19/48, Re: CJ, was, Sec. Matter-R."

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT

The report of Special Agent Edwin O. Raudsep dated November 19, 1948, at San Francisco, (Bureau file reference 100-358638-1) in the case entitled, "Clara Juravcoff, was., Security Matter *3*," sets forth the following information which was the basis for the above data sheet:

"[redacted] advised that he [redacted] is considered reliable.
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[redacted] believes that Clara Juravcoff is the person referred to as Skolnik by Shumakov because Clara Juravcoff is reputed in Russian circles in San Francisco to be a Communist and active in Russian affairs. He also advised that he knew no other woman in Russian circles in San Francisco [redacted] the name of Skolnik or similar name. It will be noted that the 8/8/26 [redacted] of the San Francisco 'Examiner' contained an article reflecting that Appollonovich Shumakov was at that time in San Francisco and that he was President of the Hydro-Technic Society of the North Caucasus.

"In a letter to Immigration and Naturalization Service dated October 23, 1941, Paul Juravcoff advised that his wife, Clara, had been previously married to Jacob Skolnik, on April 4, 1921, in San Francisco, and that she was a naturalized United States citizen on the basis of this marriage because Jacob Skolnik had been naturalized in New York City prior to his marriage to Clara." b7D

OBSERVATIONS

There are no informants revealed in the data sheet. However, we do credit our information to [redacted]
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that before we use this data sheet we contact the San Francisco Office and have them contact [redacted] and advise him that information credited to him might be used in the forthcoming trial. It is recommended that we do not use the report inasmuch as it contains a considerable amount of information which would have a bearing on other important investigations.

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TO : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: March 21, 1949

FROM : L. WHITSON *LW*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE DATA SHEET

"Paul Juravcoff

"Paul, husband of Clara. An informant of doubtful accuracy declared subject has acted as medium of exchange of messages between CP functionaries and Russian Consulate Officials in San Fran.

"Raudsep, San Fran, 11/19/48, Re: PJ, Sec. Matter -R."

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT

The report of Special Agent Edgar Oliver Raudsep dated November 19, 1948, at San Francisco, (Bureau file reference 100-358559-2) in the case entitled, "Paul Nicanor Juravcoff, was., Security Matter - R," sets forth the following information which was the basis for the above data sheet:

"On October 6, 1947, Confidential Informant C, whose reliability is doubtful, advised that the routes of important Communist messages were as follows:

- "1. Direct to Clara Juravcoff's shop on Union Street, San Francisco.
2. Delivered to Maria Volper (important Communist), who works as a pharmacist at Weinstein's Store on Polk Street and who resides at 1850 Sacramento Street, Apartment 404.
3. Delivered to Paul Juravcoff's shop, 1739 Sacramento Street."

The informant designated in the report as confidential informant C

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It is believed that we can use the data sheet at the trial but that we could not produce the report at the trial as the information appearing in this report would jeopardize too many other pending investigations of importance.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that we use the abstract. It is recommended that we under no circumstances produce the report.

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TO : H. B. FLETCHER *HB*
 FROM : L. WHITSON *W*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE DATA SHEET

"Harold Beerman

"T-1 revealed on 5/26/47 that subject visited the State Headquarters of the CP, Newark, N. J., on that date and talked with his mother Catherine. Subject's mother asked that subject contact friend of hers before reporting to Russian Embassy in NYC.

"#Newell, Newark, 11/19/48, Re: HB, Sec. Matter -C."

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT

The report of Special Agent Jack S. Newell dated November 19, 1948, at Newark, New Jersey, (Bureau file reference 100-341519-4) in the case entitled, "Harold Beerman, was., Security Matter - C," sets forth the following information which was the basis for the above data sheet:

"On May 26, 1947, Confidential Informant T-1 revealed that the subject had visited the State Headquarters of the Communist Party in Newark, New Jersey, on that date and had talked with his mother, Mrs. Catherine Beerman. Subject's mother had asked that the subject contact a friend of hers before reporting to the Russian Embassy in New York City."

OBSERVATIONS

It is to be noted that the informant T-1 is NK-CH which is a technical surveillance on the Communist Party Headquarters of the New York State Committee, 786 Broad Street, Newark. It is not believed we should use this data sheet in view of the fact that it appears obvious that the subject Beerman talked on the phone from Communist Party Headquarters to his mother. It is to be noted that this is one of the reports known to have been in the possession of Coplon prior to her

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arrest through a survey of her office by Agents of the Washington Field Office.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the data sheet cannot be used and that the report cannot be used.

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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*
 FROM : Lish Whitson *mw*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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DATE: March 21, 1949

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Information Appearing on the Data Sheet

"Stuart Legg

"Stuarg Legg--possible Russian espionage agent.

"Frink, NY, 1/14/49, Re: Frederic March, Sec. Matter-C." (No. 11)

Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The report of Special Agent Robert A. Frink dated January 13, 1949, at New York (Bureau file reference 100-2245-7), in the case entitled "Fredric March, wa; Security Matter - C," is the basis for the above-quoted abstract. The information appearing in the Bureau's report is set forth below:

"Confidential Informant T-2 advised that STUART LEGG wrote a letter dated July 25, 1946, to JOHN GRIERSON at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, stating they had received a letter from FREDRIC MARCH's business manager, and advised GRIERSON to see MARCH when he was in Hollywood on his present trip.

"Confidential Informant T-3 advised on September 18, 1946, that the subject had contributed \$5000 to the World Today, Incorporated. This organization, located at 450 West 56th Street, New York City, is a documentary film-producing business headed by GRIERSON and LEGG, both of whom are subjects of investigation at New York as possible Russian espionage agents." (page 4)

OBSERVATIONS:

It is to be noted that the information appearing on the data sheets not attributed to any Bureau informant. Actually the Bureau informants, accord-

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ing to the information appearing in the report, were designated as Confidential Informant T-2 and Confidential Informant T-3. T-2 and T-3 were both highly confidential informants having access to the effects of John Grierson. The only objection to the use of this data sheet would be that it would indicate that we are investigating Fredric March, the prominent stage and motion picture actor. The House Committee on Un-American Activities, if this became public, would probably give it considerable publicity.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the desirability of using this data sheet is doubtful and under no circumstances should the Bureau report be produced to the trial inasmuch as it contains considerable information indicating the Communist activities of March.

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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HB*
 FROM : Lish Whitson *W*
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Information Appearing on the Data Sheet

"Subject, in interview, denies knowing Dorothea Keene, Jacob Araonoff or Ursula Wasserman. States she knew Tatiana Pepper from 1923-30. Regained contact when Elizabeth Eagen returned from Moscow with word of Tatiana. Subject sent several letters and packages to Tatiana. Mrs. Eagan and daughter Louise Eagan admit taking a package which Mrs. Eagan delivered to Tatiana in Moscow. Both deny bringing any letters to US for mailing to subject. Elizabeth Eagen, another daughter, formerly in Moscow, now in Prague with State Dept. Mrs. Eagen lives in Montclair, NJ.

"#Nummey, NY/1/28/49, Re: Dorothy Lowengruden Block, was, Int. Sec. - R

"Bloch received two letters in 1946, written by Tatiana in Moscow and mailed to Bloch in the US (by person unknown), postmarked in Montclair, NJ.

"#Murphy, NY, 6/9/47, DLB,"

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Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The reports of Special Agents William E. Nummey dated January 28, 1949, (Bureau file reference 100-347243-24), and John R. Murphy dated June 9, 1947, (Bureau file reference 100-347243-7), at New York City, in the case entitled "Dorothy Lowengrund Bloch, was; Internal Security - R," are the basis for the above-quoted information. The information appearing on the data sheet was taken from the following quoted portions of these reports: *ENCLOSURE*

Confidential Informant T-5 also furnished the contents of a letter dated September 17, 1946, signed by TATIANA. This letter was postmarked October 15, 1946, 7 p.m. at Montclair, New Jersey, and appears to be one of the letters of which subject spoke in her conversation with Dr. MILTON LEOF on October 27, 1946. (page 21 of report dated 6/9/47)

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"Confidential Informant T-5 furnished the text of another letter from TATIANA dated November 12 (no year) which is being set forth in its entirety hereinafter: (page 23 of serial 7)

"T-5 also furnished the text of another letter from TATIANA dated December 12, 1945, and which read as follows: (page 25 of serial 7)

"It would appear, although it is not certain, that the previous letter was written by TATIANA on November 12, 1945." (page 27 of serial 7)

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"Subject, in interview, denies knowing DOROTHEA KEENE, JACOB ARONOFF, or URSULA WASSERMAN. States she knew TATIANA PEPPER from 1923 to 1930. Regained contact when ELIZABETH EAGAN returned from Moscow with word of TATIANA. Subject sent several letters and packages to TATIANA. Advised by World Tourist that last packages were undeliverable. Mrs. EAGAN and LOUISE EAGAN admit taking a package which Mrs. EAGAN delivered to TATIANA in Moscow. Both deny bringing any letters to U.S. for mailing to subject. ELIZABETH EAGAN now at Prague. Description set out. (Synopsis of serial 24)

"At Montclair, New Jersey

"On January 25, 1949, Mrs. W. E. EAGAN, 188 Bellevue Avenue, Apartment 7-C, was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent E. Burke of the New York Office. (page 4 of serial 24)

"Mrs. EAGAN claims she has never met Mrs. BLOCH and knows nothing about her. She stated that ELIZABETH EAGAN returned to the United States about December, 1946, and remained until shortly after Thanksgiving, 1948, when she left on assignment for the State Department to Prague, Czechoslovakia." (page 5 of serial 24)

OBSERVATIONS:

It is felt that this data sheet can be used at the trial. Most of the information on the data sheet sets forth that it was obtained in an interview with Subject Bloch. The source of our information that Bloch received two

letters in 1945 was a "bag job" but this is not revealed by the data sheet. It is not believed that we could produce either of the two reports from which this information was received at the trial. Actually we could probably produce the report setting forth the interview but if we produce one report we would have to produce the other report which contains considerable information secured from the highly confidential source.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the data sheet can be used but that the reports cannot be produced

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE DATA SHEET

"In March 1946, subject had in her address book the name of Ruth Gruber. [Gruber has been reported to have been a contact of F. A. Garanin of the Soviet Embassy, Wash.] Gruber was secretary to Harold Ickes, Secy of Interior. *(u)*

"#O'Brien, NY, 11/12/38, Re: Ursula Wasserman, Int. Sec.-R."

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT

The report of Special Agent Francis D. O'Brien dated November 12, 1948, at New York City, (Bureau file reference 65-56402-6399) in the case entitled, "Ursula Wasserman, was., Internal Security - R;" sets forth the following information which was the basis for the above data sheet:

"On March 1, 1946 arrangements were made through the United States Customs Service, New York City, for the writer and SA Kalnes to be present at Pier 19, Staten Island, New York, at the time the SS Pacific Express was sailing and the baggage of the passengers was to be examined. It was ascertained at this time that Wasserman had in her possession at the time an address book which contained the names of a number of individuals, among which was the name of Arthur Adams, mentioned hereinbefore as a suspected Soviet Agent.

"GRUBER, RUTH

"According to the files of the New York Office, this individual was formerly employed in the Department of the Interior as Secretary of Mr. Harold Ickes, who was then Secretary of the Department of the Interior. This information was made available in 1945. [Gruber has also been reported to have been a contact of F. A. Garanin of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. These contacts were made during the month of October, 1945.] She is also reported to be an acquaintance of Helen Silvermaster, wife of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, named by Elizabeth Bentley as a Soviet Agent before the House Un-American Affairs Committee." *(u)*

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OBSERVATIONS

It is to be noted that we obtained the address book of Ursula Wasserman through an examination of her baggage when she arrived in the United States on March 1, 1946.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this data sheet could be used. The report should not be produced in view of the fact that it relates to a subject who has been under investigation in connection with the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case.

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TO : E. Fletcher *ABZ*
 FROM : L. Whitson *LW*
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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE DATA SHEET

"Reference teletype indicated that Dept of State source advised that the individual who filed passport application on 9/21/34 in name of Charles Francis Chase, was believed to be a Soviet Agent who also used name of John Sherman.

"#Winter, New Haven, Conn., 1/21/49, Re: John Loomis Sherman, was Int. Sec.-R"

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT

The report of Special Agent Howard P. Winter dated January 24, 1949, at New Haven, Connecticut, (Bureau file reference 65-53508-61) in the case entitled, "John Loomis Sherman, was, Internal Security - R," was the basis for the information appearing in the above data sheet which was taken from the following paragraph appearing in that report:

"Reference teletype (teletype from Bureau to New Haven dated 1/18/49.) indicated that United States Department of State source has advised that the individual who had filed application for United States Passport on September 21, 1934, in the name of Charles Francis Chase, was believed to be a Soviet Agent who also used the name of John Sherman. In the passport application Chase was described as a newspaperman, born at Hartford, Connecticut, June 15, 1897; 5 feet six inches tall; brown hair, bald; grey eyes. State Department source indicated that this individual had requested that his passport be mailed to him in care of Roland F. Kapp, Tower Apartments, 84 Second Avenue, Newark, N.J. When registering at the American Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, in March 1935, Chase gave emergency addressee as Max Lieber, 545 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Reference teletype requested that the New Haven Division obtain a photograph of Charles Francis Chase, born June 15, 1897, at Hartford, Connecticut, the subject of New Haven File 25-283, since this individual's birth certificate may have been used by Sherman to obtain a false passport."

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There are no confidential informants used in this report.

OBSERVATIONS

The John Loomis Sherman case is being actively investigated at the present time in connection with information recently furnished by [redacted] The report cited above was the investigation at New Haven which identified the real Charles Francis Chase whose background had been used to obtain a passport for John Loomis Sherman. This report does not reveal any confidential techniques used by the Bureau or confidential informants.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this data sheet can be used at the trial without endangering the Bureau's work and that if necessary the report could also be produced in this case.

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Information Appearing on the Data Sheets**"ARTKINO**

" 'Admiral Nakhimov' was reviewed by the writer at the Stanley Theater on 12/4/48. No indication on screen by way of trailer either at beginning or end that Artkino registered agent of foreign principal. T-6 reported same re 'The Taras Family' shown at headquarters of District #21, CP, St. Louis, Mo.

"On 5/14/46, T-3 stated that Napoli departed from Brownsville, Texas, for Mexico City, claiming Mexican citizenship on this trip and allowed to depart without travel papers. On 5/22/46, T-3 advised Nap returned from Mexico and declared American citizenship on passenger declaration.

"On 7/23/48, ND 426 furnished press releases issued by Artkino to 'Daily Worker' describing 'Village Teacher.'

"#Coholan report, NY, 12/20/48, Re: Artkino, Int. Sec.-R." (No. 15)

ENCLOSURE

"Napoli Communist Party Secretary of Peru
 Artkino

"Con. Informant T-4 advised on Oct. 8, 1946 that (Nicholas) Napoli was visited by the following Peruvian Communists during his stay in Lima: Jorge Del Prado, Communist Party Secretary of Peru; Elisio Garcia, editor of the Communist paper 'Labor'; and Juan Jacinto Paiva, Communist member of the Peruvian Chamber of Deputies. [REDACTED]

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"FBI report dated 12/20/48 at New York by Sp. Agt. Robert W. Coholan, p. 4. File No. 149-299." (No. 25)

Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The report of Special Agent Robert W. Coholan dated December 20, 1948, at New York City (Bureau file reference 65-1673-182), in the case entitled "Artkino Pictures, Incorporated; Internal Security - R," is the basis for the above-quoted data sheets. The information appearing on these data sheets was taken from the following quoted portions of this report:

"The ARTKINO release 'Admiral Nakhimo' was reviewed by the writer at the Stanley Theater on December 4, 1948. There was no indication on the screen by way of a trailer either at the beginning or conclusion of the picture that ARTKINO was the registered agent of a foreign principal. (page 3)

"On October 11, 1947, Confidential Informant T-6 advised that he had attended a showing of the ARTKINO release 'The Taras Family' at the headquarters of District #21, Communist Party, St. Louis, Missouri. Informant stated the film failed to note that it was in the nature of propaganda or that it had been registered with any department of the United States Government. On January 11, 1948, the 'Daily Worker' contained an article in Section 1, page 13, column 1, reflecting that ARTKINO had acquired the United States distribution rights for 'Bohemian Ecstasy,' a Czechoslovakian film, produced by the Czechoslovak Film Corporation of Prague. (page 4)

"On May 14, 1946, Confidential Informant T-3 stated that NAPOLI departed from Brownsville, Texas, for Mexico City. NAPOLI claimed Mexican citizenship on this trip and was allowed to depart without travel papers. On May 22, 1946, Confidential Informant T-3 advised NAPOLI returned to Brownsville, Texas, from Mexico and had declared American citizenship on passenger declaration. (page 3)

"On July 23, 1948, Confidential Informant ND 426 furnished press releases issued by ARTKINO to the 'Daily Worker' describing the current picture 'Village Teacher' playing at the Stanley Theater. The releases state MARK DONSKEY, the Director of 'Village Teacher' as a person whose background and film experience suited him admirably to the job of directing the epic story of a woman whose life story closely parallels the history of her country in the turbulent days before and after the Russian Revolution of 1917. The releases stated that 'Village Teacher' has been held here, as well as in the Soviet Union, as a screen masterpiece and another important contribution to the Soviet screen in the fine tradition of great Russian films." (page 5)

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"Confidential Informant T-4 advised on October 8, 1946, that NAPOLI was visited by the following Peruvian Communists during his stay in Lima: JORGE DEL PRADO, Communist Party Secretary of Peru; ELISIO GARCIA, Editor of the Communist paper 'Labor'; and JUAN JACINTO PAIVA, Communist member of the Peruvian Chamber of Deputies. [REDACTED]

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Bureau Informants' Identities

Confidential Informant T-6 listed above is [] who is []
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Confidential Informant T-3 is the U. S. Customs Service, International Airport, Brownsville, Texas.

Confidential Informant ND-426 is a [] cover on the National Headquarters of the Communist Party. It is believed that the identity of this informant, as set forth above, is well protected.

Confidential Informant T-4 is a SIS informant, 354-7, who is
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OBSERVATIONS:

It is believed that these abstracts could be used without endangering Bureau informants or Bureau techniques. It is also believed that, if absolutely necessary, the Bureau report in this matter could be used.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the data sheets be used, and, if necessary, the report could be used.

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